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ABSTRACT

This directory is intended to provide a comprehensive source of information on financial assistance for Canadian post-secondary students with disabilities. The directory includes descriptions of funding programs, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for further information. Government funding programs described include national programs such as Canada Student Loans and Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities. Programs operated by each of the 13 provinces or territories are also summarized. The third section lists 22 national scholarships and grants and is followed by a listing of regional scholarships, bursaries, and grants. Use of the World Wide Web to locate scholarship information is briefly addressed. The final section describes scholarship and award programs available at 42 individual institutions. (DB)

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This directory has been developed for students to help them make decisions about post-secondary education, with a knowledge of financial assistance that can be accessed to make studies attainable and affordable. In closing, we offer thanks to the many students who urged the Association to gather the information together in one place. It is our hope that this book will meet the expectations of those who will be using it as a reference source.

Introduction

In order to fully participate in college and university study, disabled persons must have access to funding which recognizes that there are often extra costs involved when pursuing higher education. It can also take longer for a disabled student to complete an academic program because of a disability. These issues have been a primary focus of the Association's work for many years. In the 1993 NEADS report *Study of Financial Assistance Available to Post-Secondary Students With Disabilities: Accommodating Individual Needs For the Future*, 44% of the 384 respondents indicated that their total income from all sources (including financial assistance programs) was not sufficient to cover their education-related services and/or equipment costs considering their disability. In the 1996 NEADS study *Employment Opportunities For Post-Secondary Students and Graduates With Disabilities*, 59% of 424 respondents indicated that their student aid was not sufficient to cover the costs of their education.

During the most recent NEADS conference, held in Ottawa in November of 1998, 115 delegates from across Canada addressed this subject as a central aspect of the conference agenda. In a workshop called "Accessing Funding to Support Post-Secondary Study" delegates explored funding issues and concerns by focusing on familiar programs such as: Canada Student Loans and Canada Study Grants, provincial grants and loans, Employability Assistance for Persons With Disabilities (EAPD) and the Quebec Loans and Bursaries Program. Scholarships, awards and bursaries were also discussed, including the recently launched Millennium Fund Scholarship Program. In these discussions, students identified four key areas of concern:

1. Financial assistance programs are often not adequate to meet educational costs, including disability-related costs of pursuing higher education.
2. There is a lack of portability of funding from one part of the country to another, which limits academic options.
3. There is confusion about how to obtain information on funding programs and which program's students are eligible to access.
4. Application forms, information guides (i.e. Canada Student Loans Program: Full-time and Part-time Students Information Guide) and other promotional literature are not readily available to students, and what is available is found in many sources, from different offices.

The NEADS *National Directory of Financial Assistance Programs for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities* addresses many of these concerns by providing a comprehensive source of information on financial assistance in one document, written in plain language. The directory includes descriptions of funding programs, mailing

addresses, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses of contacts for further information. It also lists relevant web sites. Topics covered in different sections of the directory include:

- The Canada Student Loans Program.
- Employability Assistance for Persons With Disabilities.
- Provincial student assistance programs.
- National and regional scholarships, awards and bursaries.
- Campus-based scholarships, awards and bursaries.

NEADS would like to thank Human Resources Development Canada, which provided the funding for this project through its Social Development Partnerships Program. The Association hopes that this directory will assist post-secondary students in locating adequate funding for their education costs.

Joby Fleming
President, NEADS

Government Funding Programs

National Programs

1. Canada Student Loans [1]

The Canada Student Loan Program (CLSP) was launched in 1964. It provides financial assistance to students to supplement their own and their family's savings and earnings. Each year the CLSP provides $1.2 billion in student assistance to 325,000 students across Canada. This funding consists of both a full-time and part-time loans program, which assists students with financial need to pursue post-secondary education.

Under the full time program the CLSP currently covers 60% of each student's assessed need, up to a weekly maximum of $165. The remaining 40% of the assessed need may be covered by provincial student loans programs, or through other assistance.

In addition to the loan component, the program provides $146 million each year in non-repayable grants, such as the Canada Study Grant (see below).

The most significant feature of the CSLP is the in-school interest subsidy. This program pays the interest on a CSLP while you are enrolled in full time studies at a post-secondary institution, so that you are not required to pay interest on your loan, or make any payments towards the principal during that time.

The part time study program is built around the assumption that most part time students are already working and have their living expenses covered. It is designed to supplement other sources of income, and can provide up to $4,000 in assistance for each year of study.

Beyond these basics there are three features of the CSLP, which have been designed to directly address the needs of students with disabilities.

Disability Specific Programming:

1) The CSLP recognizes that the challenges of a physical disability may mean that it takes longer to complete a program of study. To compensate for this, the CSLP offers students with a disability relaxed eligibility criteria for full time student status. Under the general conditions when you apply for a Canada Student Loan you have to be enrolled in 60% of a full course load to qualify as a full time student. However, a student with a permanent disability need only register for 40% of a full course load. Correspondingly, the part time requirements are also reduced.

2) The program also recognizes that a permanent disability may mean that disabled students can never repay a loan, because they are unable to seek, or obtain, a full time job that would enable repayment of the CSLP. In these cases the program offers a permanent disability benefit, which may allow application to have a loan forgiven.

3) The program also recognizes that students with disabilities often have extra costs when pursuing their higher education and to deal with these costs Canada Study Grants (formerly referred to as Special Opportunities Grants) are available. These grants are available for up to $5,000 a year and are designed to offset exceptional disability related costs, such as note takers, tutors, readers, interpreters, attendant care during studies, as well as specialized transportation to and from an educational institution. The grant can also cover exceptional equipment costs like special computers, braillers, and/or the production of materials in alternate formats.

Repayment of the CSLP:

Recently some changes have been made to the program to assist all students in repayment of their CSLP. These changes are intended to help all graduates in the transition from school to work, not just students with disabilities. The program recognizes that all students today are facing significant challenges in finding well paid employment after they finish their schooling. Often, for example, graduates may do volunteer work or take low paying jobs in a field in order to get the experience needed to begin their careers. With this fact in mind the program has developed three features that attempt to address this issue:

1. The first and the most important of these features is interest relief. Borrowers having difficulty repaying their loan due to low income can apply for the interest relief plan. Eligible borrowers are approved for interest relief for six month periods, during which the Government of Canada pays the interest on their loan in the same fashion as the in school interest subsidy. Recently, changes have been made to this plan, such as increasing the maximum amount of interest relief one could receive from 18 months to 30 months. This interest relief is available throughout the life of the loan.

2. The other significant modification was to raise the income eligibility thresholds for interest relief by nine percent. In real terms that means prior to the change you could make about $20,000; anybody who made under $20,000 would qualify for 100% interest relief. This amount has recently been raised to $22,000.

3. Borrowers that remain in financial difficulty over an extended period can apply to have their principal reduced by as much as $10,000, or 50%, whichever is greater. In order to be eligible for this you must have exhausted 30 months of

interest relief, the loan must be in good standing, and the individual must have been out of school for at least five years.

Finally, it should be noted that NEADS sits as a member of the National Advisory Group on Student Financial Assistance. This group, which reports to the Minister of Human Resources Development, is one of the three groups that comprise the program's efforts to consult with key stakeholders. Students who feel that their needs are not being addressed, or that their voices are not being heard, can contact the NEADS office with the specifics of any concern. In this way, the information can be passed to program administrators through the National Advisory Group.

Full details of the eligibility criteria for all of these initiatives are available from Human Resources Development Canada's Learning and Literacy Directorate. You can contact the Directorate at:

Human Resources Development Canada
Learning and Literacy Directorate
P.O. Box 2090, Station "D"
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6C6

Tel: (819) 994-1844
Toll Free: 1-888-432-7377 (English) / 1-800-733-3765 (French)
TTY: (819) 994-1218
Web site: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student_loans/

2. Canada Study Grants for Persons with Permanent Disabilities [2]

These grants have a value of up to $5,000 per academic year. To qualify for the grants you must meet the following criteria:

- Have applied for a part-time or full-time Canada Student Loan and established need;
- Have a disability of a permanent nature, which limits your ability to perform the daily activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary studies or in the labour force;
- Be able to provide proof of your disability, describing its type and indicating that it is expected to be permanent;
- Have your full-time or part-time Canada Student Loan in good standing.

Types of disabilities which are eligible include: deafness, hardness of hearing, blindness, visual impairment, physical disability, learning disability, other (e.g., head injury, mental illness, etc.)

Costs of the following education-related services are eligible: note taker, tutor, reader, interpreter (oral, sign), attendant care for studies, specialized transportation (to and from your educational institution).

Costs of the following education-related equipment are also eligible: technical aids (e.g., a computer or a brailler), alternate formats (e.g., large print or Braille).

The grant will not cover capital costs (e.g., vehicle modifications, alterations for educational institutions or residences).

Application Process:

Applications should be made to your province of residence for a part-time or full-time Canada Student Loan to establish need. An application for a Canada Study Grant for Students with Disabilities, along with the required documentation, can be included. It is important that both forms are submitted at the same time.

Documentation Required:

1. Demonstration of permanent disability requires proof in the form of:
   - A medical certificate; or
   - A learning disability assessment; or
   - A document showing that you receive federal and/or provincial disability assistance.
2. Written confirmation of the need for the disability-related services or equipment, from one of the following:
   - A Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) case worker; or
   - An official of a centre for students with disabilities; or
   - A guidance counselor or financial aid administrator at the post-secondary institution you are attending.
3. Proof of enrolment at a designated educational institution.
4. Two separate cost-estimates as evidence of exceptional education-related costs.

Tax Considerations:

As noted the Canada Study Grants provide up to $5,000 per year to students with disabilities to help cover disability-related education costs. Under existing rules, these amounts receive the same tax treatment as other scholarships and bursaries and are taxable to the extent the award exceeds $500.

However, many of the expenses for which the Canada Study Grant may be used, such as attendant care or a device to enable a blind person to read or use a computer (e.g. optical scanners or large print-on-the-screen devices), also qualify for tax assistance under the medical expense tax credit.

The medical expense tax credit recognizes the effect of extraordinary medical expenses on an individual's ability to pay tax. It does this by providing tax relief on eligible medical expenses in excess of a certain portion of an individual's net income. As a result, although Canada Study Grants must be included in income for tax purposes like other bursaries and scholarships, in many cases, the tax on the grant is offset by tax relief provided through the medical expense tax credit.

3. Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities (EAPD[3])

Many readers may be familiar with EAPD under its former name, the Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons (VRDP) Program, which was created in 1962. There have been fundamental changes in government policy and the approach to disability issues since then. So while it was recognized that VRDP had served people with disabilities well, it was also clear that changes were required. In fact, the Federal Taskforce on Disabilities (in 1997) actually had a very explicit recommendation that the federal government should work with the provinces to reform the VRDP program.

The VRDP reform has been undertaken in a larger context as a social policy renewal, which sees the federal and provincial governments working more closely together to look at Canada's social programs and see how they can make them work more efficiently.

At the June 1996, First Minister's meeting, Premiers and the Prime Minister, recognized that some services and benefits to people with disabilities should be one of the priorities in an overall social policy reform process. One of the first concrete actions undertaken was around VRDP reform. There were consultations with the disability community around those reforms and NEADS was a part of the consultation process.

The new directions of the EAPD Program are outlined in a document called the Multilateral Framework on Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities. Based on this framework the Federal Government negotiated new bilateral agreements with the provinces/territories during 1997 and 1998.

The new objectives of the program reflect an increased focus on employability. The goal is to help people with disabilities prepare for, find, and keep jobs. To do this, the EAPD program seeks to help people with disabilities overcome the various obstacles they may face when trying to enter the work place.

EADP, like the VRDP before it, is a cost sharing arrangement between the Federal and Provincial/Territorial Governments, where the Federal Government contributes up to 50 percent of the cost of eligible programs and services, to a set maximum for each province. Total federal funding is $190 million annually, and in all cases it is at least matched, dollar for dollar, by the province/territory.

EADP interventions are intended to cover a broad range of programming, including such things as pre-employment support, short-term assistance and on-going active employment support. This could translate into employment counseling and assessment, pre-employment training and skill development and or wage subsidies.

Post-Secondary education support is eligible under the Multilateral Framework as well. Funds may be used to cover things like tuition, books, assistive devices and other items.

The provinces have a great deal of flexibility to design their own programs and services under EAPD. That is why the following section, which outlines provincial/territorial programs, lists EAPD separately for each jurisdiction.

While in most cases the EAPD bilateral agreements, signed between Ottawa and the provinces, do specifically refer to post-secondary education support, in some jurisdictions they are electing to fund post-secondary education through their regular student assistance programming, as will be made clear below.

Finally, it is important to note that the agreements allow for a three-year transition period, which began in most jurisdictions during the fiscal year 98/99. This was agreed upon because some provinces/territories will have to make significant changes to the programming in order to meet the new employability focus of EAPD.

At the beginning of the transition period many provinces/territories continue to deliver basically the same programs and services that they did under the old VRDP program. However, at this point it is still difficult to say for sure what the changes will be across the country. Many governments are still sorting out what their new program directions will be.

It is important to keep this in mind when looking at the following information, since during the transition period much can change. The information contained here was collected during the summer and fall of 1999, and it was correct at the time. However, students should contact provincial authorities to see what the current status of EAPD is before making plans to access it for financial support. For this reason contact details for each jurisdiction are contained in the following pages. It is hoped that this information is accurate, or at least it will be a place to start when you are tracking down possible avenues of support for your education.

Also, it should be noted that some jurisdictions had not signed EAPD agreements at the time of writing. In these cases information is presented for the VRDP program, which continues to function in the absence of a new EAPD agreement. Again, it is important to contact provincial officials in order to determine the exact situation when you are looking for financial assistance.

Also, for further information, or for copies of the multilateral framework document, you can contact:

Newfoundland

Division of Labour Market Services
Department of Human Resources and Employment
PO Box 8700
St John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6
Telephone: (709) 729-3118

Nova Scotia

Employment Support Services
Department of Community Services
Government of Nova Scotia
PO Box 696
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2T7
Telephone: (902) 424-4329

New Brunswick

Planning and Evaluation Division
Department of Human Resources Development
Government of New Brunswick
PO Box 6000
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5HI
Telephone: (506) 453-2460

Prince Edward Island

Child, Family and Community Services Division
Department of Health and Social Services
Government of Prince Edward Island
PO Box 2000
16 Garfield Street
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7N8
Telephone: (902) 368-6519

Ontario

Client Information & Support Services
Ministry of Community and Social Services
151 Floor, MacDonald Block, Room 56
900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A IE9
Telephone: (416) 325-5666 or (888) 789-4199 (toll free)

Manitoba

Community Living Division
Department of Family Services
Government of Manitoba
Room 119, 114 Garry Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4V4
Telephone: (204) 945-4974

Saskatchewan

Corporate Policy Unit
Department of Social Services
Government of Saskatchewan
12th floor, 1920 Broad Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V6
Telephone: (306) 787-3619

Alberta

Services to Persons with disabilities
Department of Family and Social Services
Government of Alberta
12th floor, 10030-107th Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3E4
Telephone: (403) 422-0305

British Columbia

Skills Development Division
Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology
Government of British Columbia
PO Box 9871, Station Provincial Government
4th floor, 835 Humboldt Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 9T6
Telephone: (250) 387-1070

Northwest Territories

Career Development Division
Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Government of the Northwest Territories
PO Box 1320
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9
Telephone: (867) 873-7243

Yukon

Services to Persons with Disabilities
Social Services Branch
Department of Health and Social Services
Government of the Yukon
PO Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon YIA 2C6
Telephone: (867) 667-5669

4. Millennium Scholarship Program [4]

Background:

The Government of Canada, as part of an initiative known as the Canadian Opportunities Strategy, created the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation is an independent and autonomous organization that oversees the investment and manages the allocation of the $2.5 billion Government of Canada endowment. The Foundation will use this fund to award scholarships to Canadian, undergraduate students over a 10-year period beginning in the year 2000.

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation was created to grant scholarships to students who are in financial need and who demonstrate merit. The purpose is to improve access to post-secondary education and reduce student debt. The Foundation's goal is to award a portion of the first scholarships at the beginning of the year 2000 and to award every year, for 10 years thereafter, more than 100,000 scholarships, worth an average of $3,000 each.

The Foundation has three guiding principles:

1. The primary focus of the Foundation's work should be students.
2. The Foundation's programs should avoid duplication of existing financial aid programs and costly processes.
3. The Foundation should emphasize a fair and equitable approach to all its programs.

General Award:

To reduce administrative costs and to avoid duplication with existing student assistance programs, the Foundation has been negotiating with each province and territory over the last several months. As of July 30th, 1999, agreements had been concluded with Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Yukon, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Prince Edward Island. Because student assistance programs are administered differently in each region, there will be slight variations in the delivery of Millennium Scholarships.

Eligibility for the Millennium Scholarship will be determined by your provincial/territorial financial assistance program. In general, they will also be responsible for delivering the Millennium scholarships on behalf of the Foundation.

Your financial aid office in your school or region will be able to help you.

As stated above there is no separate application process for the Millennium Scholarship. When you apply for assistance from your provincial or territorial student financial assistance program, you will automatically be considered for the Foundation's General Awards. The Student Financial Aid Office will assess your level of financial need. If you meet the Foundation's eligibility criteria the office will automatically forward your name to the Foundation.

The scholarships will be awarded by the Foundation to students in the greatest financial need until they have reached the limit of awards allocated to the province or territory. This limit is based on percentage of the total Canadian population.

NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED TO ACCEPT PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE OR FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS TO QUALIFY FOR A MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP. YOU MUST SIMPLY DEMONSTRATE YOUR FINANCIAL NEED.

Exceptional Merit Award:

Application procedures for the Foundation's Exceptional Merit Awards have also been developed. The first Exceptional Merit Awards will be distributed in fall of year 2000.

For more information contact:

Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation
1000 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite 800
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R2

Tel: 1 (877) 786-3999 (toll free)
Fax: 1 (514) 985-5987
Email: millennium.foundation@bm-ms.org
Web site: http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca/ 19

Programs by Province/Territory

Newfoundland [5]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

Presently, and during this transition period (ending in March 2001), post-secondary education is eligible under the EAPD program. It is not clear if this will continue to be the case once the transition period is complete and the new program has been finalized.

Both university and college programs are eligible for support through the EAPD program in Newfoundland and Labrador. A waiting list was reported at the time of our inquiries; it was stated that it could take up to a year to gain funding approval.

The program is administered through the Newfoundland Department of Human Resources and Employment. Contacting the local office of this department is the best way to determine your eligibility. Full contact information for these offices is available on the department's web site at http:// www.gov.nf.ca/hre/divisions/REGIONS/MAP.HTM or in your local telephone directory.

Student Loans Program

Post-Secondary students in Newfoundland and Labrador may be eligible to receive some financial assistance from both the Canada Student Loans Program and the Newfoundland and Labrador Student Loans Program. Under the Canada Student Loans Program assistance is available in the form of subsidized full-time loans; non-subsidized part-time loans; and grants for students with dependants, disabilities, high-need part-time students and female students in certain fields of doctoral (Ph.D.) studies. Under the Newfoundland & Labrador Student Loans Program assistance is available in the form of subsidized full-time loans and non-repayable awards to meet unmet need of eligible students.

The Canada and Newfoundland & Labrador Student Loans Programs are administered by the Division of Student Aid in the Department of Education, and are similar in many respects. Both are needs based and intended to supplement the resources of students and their families. An underlying principle of these programs is that financial need should not be a barrier to students wishing to pursue post-secondary education and training. However, not all students are eligible under the Loans Programs, and for those that are, the amount of assistance available may not be sufficient to cover all costs related to the program of studies. It must be borne in mind that the responsibility for the costs of post-secondary education rests primarily with the

student, and where applicable, the parent(s) or spouse. Hence, resources other than government subsidized loans will often need to be found to fully finance the total costs involved.

For general inquiries or additional information regarding your application, you may contact the Student Aid Office in St. John's at:

Student Aid Division
Department of Education
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NF, A1B 4J6

Tel: 1-888-657-0800, or 729-4244 (for local calls)
Fax: 709-729-2298
Email: studentaid@aid.gov.nf.ca
Web site: http://www.edu.gov.nf.ca/studaid/best1.htm
Web site: http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/

Prince Edward Island [6]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

Post-Secondary education is currently eligible under Prince Edward Island's EAPD program. The program guidelines indicate that students are also expected to seek alternate types of support, such as Canada Student Loans or Worker's Compensation. EAPD will be used to supplement these other programs. For example, EAPD support is to be used for assistive devices, human services such as a sign language interpreter, reader or note taker. EAPD may also be used in situations where support is needed to cover additional expenses with co-operative work/study programs.

There was no waiting list for EAPD support in Prince Edward Island when we communicated with provincial officials. For more information contact:

Department of Health and Social Services
Child, Family & Community Services
16 Garfield St.
Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7N8

Tel: 902-368-6710
Fax: 902-368-6136
Web site: http://www.gov.pe.ca/hss/cfacs-info/index.php3

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Student Loans Program

Prince Edward Island's Student Loans are designed to provide financial assistance if you can't afford, but wish to attend a post-secondary institution, such as a University, Community College or a Private Trade School.

The Federal and Provincial Governments approve loans to help in your studies under the criteria agreed upon by the two levels of government. You, however, are mainly responsible for paying for your own education through careful planning, summer jobs and savings.

Assistance will be issued to you on the basis of your calculated need. Under the Student Loan Program, parents and spouses may also be expected to contribute financially to your education. To determine the amount you will need, resources available to you and your family, if applicable, are subtracted from total education costs.

To qualify for assistance under the Prince Edward Island Student Loan Program, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Be a resident of Prince Edward Island.
- Demonstrate that your financial resources aren't enough to meet your educational and living costs during the time you are in school.

For more information contact:

Prince Edward Island
Student Aid Division
Department of Education
P.O. Box 2000,
105 Rochford St., Shaw Building, 3rd floor
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

Tel: 902-368-4640
Fax: 902-368-6144
Web site: http://www.gov.pe.ca/educ

Nova Scotia [7]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

The Employability Assistance Program for People with Disabilities (EAPD), through the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture, in partnership with the Department of Community Services and Department of Health, provides a support system for educational related equipment and services, including post-secondary programs. Other eligible goods and services are technical aids, tutors, interpreters, tuition, books and training allowances that could assist a person with a disability to access post-secondary training.

There was a waiting list reported for some types of funding, especially for support to cover tuition and book costs. But no waiting list was reported for other types of supports, such as assistive devices. For more information contact:

Department of Education and Culture
Rehabilitation Programs and Services
Trade Mart, 4th Floor
2021 Brunswick Street
P.O. Box 578
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

Tel: 902-424-6737
Fax: 902-424-0666
Web site: http://www.ednet.ns.ca/

Student Loans Program

The Nova Scotia Student Assistance Program is a loan program designed to assist students in financing their post-secondary education. The student loan is meant to supplement your resources, not replace them.

In order to apply for financial assistance with the province of Nova Scotia, you must meet the following four criteria:

- First and foremost, you must be either considered a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant.
- You must be considered a Nova Scotia resident as dictated by the Nova Scotia Student Assistance Program. Please note that residency requirements in Nova Scotia are different from those suggested by Revenue Canada.
- You must be a full-time student attending an approved post-secondary institution. An approved school is one that has been certified by the Department of

Education and has been approved for Student Assistance funding. A full-time student is someone attending for at least 12 weeks and is enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load. For disabled students full-time is considered at least 40% of a full course load.

- Lastly, you must establish a need for Student Assistance. This involves an assessment of your financial situation.

When determining if a student qualifies for a student loan, the Student Assistance Office assesses a student's financial situation. The costs a student incurs are offset by other resources, which they have available to them.

When an assessment is finalized the student will receive an Explanation of Assessment in the mail. This assessment outlines anticipated costs, resources, and your calculated need. If your calculated need is high enough, you will receive 60% of it as a first disbursement. This first disbursement will consist of both Canada Student Loan and Nova Scotia Student Loan. The actual breakdown is 60% Canada Student Loan and 40% Nova Scotia Student Loan.

The maximum student loan you can receive depends on the number of weeks in your academic year. The maximum Canada Student Loan is $165/wk and the maximum Nova Scotia Student Loan is $150/wk. For a student attending university from September to April the maximum is typically $10,710.

Keep in mind that you only receive 60% of your calculated need for the beginning of your school year. To receive additional student loan funding for the remainder of the school year, the student must submit a Pre-study report as soon as classes start. If the information on your Pre-study report differs from your application, you may not be eligible for additional funding. This is why it is best to estimate costs as accurately as possible on the original application.

For more information contact:

Nova Scotia Student Assistance Office
Department of Education and Culture
P.O. Box 2290, Halifax Central
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3C8

Tel: 902-424-8420, 1-800-565-8420 (toll free within Nova Scotia)
Fax: 902-424-0540
TDD: 902-424-2058
Email: stuasst@gov.ns.ca
Web site: http://www.edne'.ns.ca

New Brunswick [8]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

The EAPD program in New Brunswick has been renamed, and is known as "Training and Employment Support Services (TESS) for Persons with Disabilities." Post-secondary education is eligible for support. The program is administered based on a case management approach and support for post-secondary education will be considered when the program in which one enrolls relates to a clear and attainable occupational goal, in the judgement of the case manager.

At the time of data collection for this directory no waiting list was reported for access to the TESS program.

Information about the TESS Program, and/or a meeting with a case manager, can be obtained through the local office of the Provincial Department of Human Resources Development. These offices are located in major cities and towns across New Brunswick; check your telephone directory for the office nearest you. For more information, students can access the web site: http://www.gov.nb.ca/pcsdp/english/schindex.htm

Student Loans Program

In fiscal year 1998-99 12,973 New Brunswick Provincial Student Loans were finalized, 4,768 New Brunswick Bursaries were issued and 132 Canada Study Grants were issued.

The New Brunswick Provincial Student Loan is a provincially subsidized loan, repayable with interest. The maximum assistance is: 40% of assessed need, up to $110 per week of study. The remaining 60 percent can be obtained through the Canada Student Loan Program.

The program also offers support for part-time study. This support is a federally subsidized loan, repayable with interest. The maximum assistance available is $4,000 at any one time. The course load requirement is: enrollment in between 20% and 59% of full-time course load or, enrollment for a period of study less than 12 weeks in duration.

New Brunswick also offers bursaries, which are non-repayable grants. The maximum assistance is $50.00 per week of study. To be eligible, a student's assessed need must be greater than the maximum student loans available.

For more information contact:

New Brunswick, Student Services Branch
Department of Advanced Education and Labour
P.O. Box 6000, 548 York Street
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5H1

Tel: 506-453-2577 or 1-800-667-5626 (toll free)
Fax: 506-444-4333
Web site: http://www.gov.nb.ca/education/default.htm

Quebec [9]

Aide financière aux Études (Student Financial Assistance)

The Government of Quebec has not signed an EAPD agreement with the Federal Government, therefore post-secondary student financial aid in the province is delivered in a different fashion from elsewhere in Canada. Financial assistance for students with a disability is divided into two sections, or degrees of functionality, as described below.

Major Functional Disability

To be eligible for financial aid as a student with a disability you have to qualify as having a Major Functional Disability (MFD). This is fairly restrictive and covers four categories of disability, visual, hearing, medical and physical. The medical professional has a degree of functionality chart to fill in and on this basis, or on the basis of level of hearing loss or vision loss, a student can be designated as having a MFD. (NOTE: many students who get some support in other provinces are excluded. For example students with learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders do not qualify under the guidelines).

If a student is deemed to have a MFD then he or she may take a minimum of six credits per semester and still receive the financial equivalent of a full-time bursary. It is important to note that the funding is in the form of bursary, with no loan component. The amount a student may receive is determined on the same basis as all students (parental income, personal income, etc). If deemed to have a MFD then one can also apply for funding to cover special needs (note-takers, tutors, interpreters, equipment etc.)

Minor Functional Disability

A student may, in some cases, be designated as having a minor functional disability. This classification recognizes that while the student is not severely limited enough to qualify for full financial aid under the program, they still may have some disability-related requirements. As such, a student with a minor functional disability will be able to access funding to cover educational support services such as tutors and computers and other adaptive devices.

If you are accepted into the system it works well and the provincial government is very efficient with refunds. Also, the limits are much more generous than in other provinces. For example deaf students can receive full funding for interpreters.

Students may find more information either at the Financial Aid department of their prospective institution, or at the office of students with disabilities. If the student is transferring from CEGEP to university they do not need to be reassessed for eligibility, they simply need to request a transfer of institution (again student financial aid can do this).

For assistive devices and other equipment students should contact the relevant rehabilitation centre. For example, visually impaired students in Montreal would contact the Montreal Association for the Blind.

For more information contact:

Service de l'accueil et des renseignements
Aide financière aux études
Ministère de l'Éducation
1035, rue De La Chevrotière
Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5

Tel: (418) 646-5245 (à l'extérieur du Québec)

Pour le service téléphonique interactif :

(418) 646-4505 (Québec)
(514) 864-4505 (Montréal)
1-888-345-4505 (Ailleurs au Québec)

Ontario [10]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

In 1998, the Government of Ontario enacted legislation creating the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), which is the name given by the province to the EAPD program. This program was designed to replace the VRDP program in the province. A government directive expressly prohibits the use of the ODSP to support costs associated with post-secondary education. The directive states:

"The following goods and services WILL NOT be funded under the employment supports component of the ODSP: ... Programs where financial assistance is available under the Ontario Student Assistance Program or programs available through the Education Act, and any goods and services required to attend these programs ..."

Source: Brochure "Ontario Disability Support Program - Employment Supports: Eligible Goods and Services." Directive # 105-01, January 1, 1999, ODSP Branch, page 32.

Student Loans Program

The Ontario government provides students with financial assistance through direct operating grants to post-secondary institutions and through OSAP. Each year, over 200,000 post-secondary students receive more than $1.6 billion in financial assistance from OSAP.

OSAP's objective is to help students from lower income families to meet the costs of post-secondary education. OSAP is intended to promote equality of opportunity for post-secondary studies by providing direct financial assistance for educational costs (such as tuition fees, books, and supplies) and basic living expenses.

Students (and their families, if applicable) are responsible for meeting the basic costs of post-secondary education. The purpose of OSAP is to supplement, not to replace, the financial resources that the student (and his or her family, if applicable) is expected to contribute.

OSAP Loans and Bursaries

When you apply to OSAP, you are automatically applying to receive a loan through the federal Canada Student Loans Program and/or the provincial Ontario Student Loans Plan. If you receive a Canada and/or Ontario Student Loan, you must start repaying six months after you have stopped being a full-time student. While you are in school, the government(s) of Canada and/or Ontario pay the interest on your

loans.

To apply for assistance through OSAP, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada (landed immigrant). VISA students are not eligible for OSAP.

You must also meet at least one of the following criteria for OSAP's Ontario residency requirements:

1. A resident in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months up to the start of your full-time post-secondary studies; or
2. If you are married or in a common-law relationship, your residency can also be based on the amount of time your spouse or common-law partner has lived in Ontario.
3. If for OSAP purposes you are considered a "dependent student"; your residency can be based on the residency of your parent(s), stepparent, legal guardian(s), or official sponsor(s). Your parent(s), step-parent, legal guardian(s), or official sponsor(s) must have lived or maintained the family home in Ontario for at least 12 consecutive months up to the start of your current study period.

- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in an approved post-secondary institution.
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in an approved program.
- Be taking at least 60 per cent of a full course load or 40 per cent if you are a student with a permanent disability.
- You must be taking a program with a minimum length of 12 weeks.

Approved post-secondary institutions:

To be eligible for a Canada Student Loan you must be enrolled at an approved post-secondary institution anywhere in the world. To be eligible for an Ontario Student Loan you must be enrolled at an approved public university or college of applied arts and technology in Canada, or an approved private post-secondary institution in Ontario.

Credit Check

If you have not applied for OSAP in the past year the ministry will perform a credit check. If it is determined that you have been 90 days in arrears on three or more personal loans or credit accounts, each with a value of $1,000 or more, within the past three years, you will not be eligible for an Ontario Student Loan. In addition, you may not be eligible for a Canada Student Loan. You will be notified in the event

that you fail the credit check. An appeal mechanism is available to you if you can demonstrate exceptional circumstances and a strong likelihood of being able to repay your student loan(s).

For more information contact:

Ontario, Student Support Branch
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
189 Red River Road, 4th floor
P.O. Box 4500
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9

Tel: 807-343-7260
1-800-465-3013 (Ontario only)
1-900-565-6727 (for students outside of the province a $2 charge applies)
1-800-465-3958 (TDD-Ontario only)
Web Site: http://osap.gov.on.ca

Bursary Support for Deaf Students

Studying at Out-of-Country Post-Secondary Institutions

OSAP provides loan and bursary assistance for deaf, deafened, and hard-of hearing students who must attend out-of-country post-secondary institutions for disability-related reasons. Loan assistance is available through OSAP and bursary assistance is available through the Bursary for Students with Disabilities Attending Out-of-Country Post-Secondary Institutions.

An Application Guide from the Ontario government provides information on the application process and rules for the bursary program.

Funding Available

A student attending school in the 1999-2000 academic year (for programs starting any time after August 1, 1999) will be able to access loans of up to $9,350 (of which $7,000 is repayable) in Ontario Student Loans through OSAP.

OSAP is based on financial need, which means that the amount of loan assistance available through OSAP will depend on the individual circumstances of the student and his or her family. Lower-income students will be able to access loans to cover part of their eligible costs of studying at out-of-country post-secondary institutions. Parents of students with moderate and higher incomes will be expected to make a contribution to the costs of their children's education, which will reduce the amount of loan assistance available.

All students regardless of family income, will receive a bursary for eligible costs which are in excess of the maximum combined loan entitlement of $275 per week of study of the Canada Student Loans Program and the Ontario Student Loan Program.

If you have additional questions contact the Student Support Branch, Ministry of Education and Training by e-mail at tdd@osap.gov.on.ca, by telephone at (807) 343-7257, by TTY at 1-800-465-3958, or by fax at (807) 343-7278.

Source: Information found on line at the OSAP web site: http://osap.gov.on.ca/not_secure/deaf.htm

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Manitoba [11]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

In Manitoba the EAPD program is following the same guidelines as its predecessor, VRDP. Support for post-secondary education may include funding for tuition and books, as well as disability-related accommodations such as assistive technology or sign language interpretation. Eligibility for these supports is determined by a case-worker from the Department of Family Services.

At the time of writing a waiting list for tuition and books did exist, and it could take as long as two years to acquire this type of funding. However, no waiting list was reported for disability related supports.

For more information contact:

Department of Family Services
Vocational Rehabilitation Branch
119-114 Garry St.
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 4V4

Tel: 204-945-2670
Fax: 204-945-5668
Email: comliv@fs.gov.mb.ca
Web site: http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/programs/clv/fs0clv05.html

Student Loans Program

The Manitoba Student Financial Assistance Program helps Manitobans whose finances limit their educational choices. Awards are provided in the form of Canada Student Loans, Manitoba Student Loans, and Manitoba Study Assistance - all based on financial need. To qualify for assistance you must be attending a post-secondary institution.

The Canada Student Loan is interest-free while you are a student and repayment is not required while you are a full-time student in an approved school. Repayment obligations do not commence until six months after you cease to be a full-time student. Under the Canada Student Loans Program, the maximum a student can receive is $165 per week for the number of weeks of study.

Like the Canada Student Loan, the Manitoba Student Loan is interest-free and require no repayment while you are in full-time studies and for six months thereafter. The maximum Manitoba Student Loan is $110.00 per week (times the number of weeks in your program). Manitoba Student Loans are also repayable.

Manitoba Study Assistance is awarded to post-secondary students who need more than the Canada Student Loan and Manitoba Student Loan combined maximum. The maximum Manitoba Study Assistance you can receive is $40 per week (times the number of weeks in your program). As long as you remain a full-time student in your program, this assistance does not have to be repaid, unless your circumstances change and a reassessment determines that an over award has been made.

To be eligible for financial assistance you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant);
- Be a Manitoba resident;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at an approved post-secondary institution in a program at least 12 weeks in length;
- Demonstrate satisfactory progress and attendance;
- Not be in default of previous federal or provincial student financial assistance;
- Have a financial need (which is determined by assessing the financial information you provide).

To apply you must submit an Application for Financial Assistance. This application will be assessed for both Canada Student Loan and Manitoba Student Loan. If you are eligible for Manitoba Study Assistance you will be mailed an application for Manitoba Study Assistance.

How is need determined?

The assessment formula is simple: Costs - Resources = Need. Tuition, books, supplies, and living expenses are considered on the cost side of the equation. There are set amounts allowed for rent, food, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. You are expected to live within these allowance levels.

For further information, contact one of the following Student Financial Assistance offices:

Winnipeg Office
Student Financial Assistance
409-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 0T3

Tel: 204-945-6321

Brandon Office
Student Financial Assistance
400 - 1011 Rosser Avenue
Brandon, Manitoba R7A 0L5

Tel: 204-726-6592
Or toll-free, outside of Winnipeg and Brandon at 1-800-204-1685.
Web site: http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/tce/index.html

Saskatchewan [12]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

The EAPD program in Saskatchewan currently does cover post-secondary educational costs. Support may include tuition and books, as well as disability-related expenses such as assistive devices or sign language interpretation.

At the time of writing the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training reported that it did not have a waiting list for access to EAPD supports. For further information contact:

Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Training
Special Needs Programs Unit
Room 410, 2151 Scarth St.
Regina SK S4P 3V7

Tel: 306-787-0477
Fax: 306-787-7182

Saskatchewan Student Loans Program

The Saskatchewan Student Assistance Program consists of a number of plans, grants and programs to assist qualified Saskatchewan students in realizing their post-secondary education and career goals.

The federal and provincial governments offer repayable financial assistance as a supplement to the full-time student's and/or family's resources under the following programs.

The Canada Student Loans Program provides 60% (to a maximum of $165 per week of study) of a student's total assistance; and the Saskatchewan Student Loans Program provides the remaining 40% (to a maximum of $110 per week of study). Also, under the Special Incentive Plan eligible students may receive an additional $110 per week of study in provincial assistance.

Students are automatically assessed for assistance under the Canada and Saskatchewan Student Loans Programs when they apply using the appropriate application for the loan year in which their course begins.

Federal administrative criteria are used by the Student Financial Assistance Unit to determine the applicant's financial need. In calculating need, the allowable expenses (tuition, books, supplies and living expenses, etc.) are determined and the resources available (including contributions by the student and/or parental/guardian/sponsor, in which the financial contribution is based on total combined parental income and family size) are subtracted. Assistance is awarded where need is demonstrated.

To qualify for a Saskatchewan Student Loan, the full-time student must meet the above eligibility criteria for Canada Student Loans (see below). In addition, the student must not be in default on a previous Saskatchewan Student Loan and the course must be taken in Saskatchewan unless:

- The student is enrolled in a program which is not offered in Saskatchewan; or
- The student is enrolled in a graduate degree program outside Saskatchewan; or
- The student is not able to obtain the program in Saskatchewan because of a quota system (for example, the program is offered in Saskatchewan but space is not available); or
- The student is not able to obtain the program in Saskatchewan because the student's marks were insufficient for acceptance in a Saskatchewan school; or
- The student is receiving advanced post-secondary credits that will reduce the length of the program by at least one full semester; or
- The student is receiving a major scholarship this year that reduces the total cost of tuition by at least $1,500 below the cost if the student remained in Saskatchewan; or
- The cost of tuition at the out-of-province school is $1,500 or more below these costs at a Saskatchewan school; or
- The student was attending a program of more than one year in length outside Saskatchewan prior to 1997/98 for which the student received Saskatchewan Student Loans and wishes to continue studies at the same program at the same school; or
- The student's spouse, who is also a student, qualifies for provincial assistance under one of the above criteria.

For further information contact:

Student Financial Assistance Unit
Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training
Room B21, Walter Scott Building
Albert Street, Regina, SK S4P 3V7

Tel: 1-800-597-8278.
Fax: 306-787-9178
Email: hotline@sasked.gov.sk.ca
Web Site: http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca

Canada Student Loans Program

The Student Financial Assistance Unit, on behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan administers this federal program. To qualify for a Canada Student Loan, the student must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
- Be a Saskatchewan resident according to program rules;
- Be enrolled in a program of studies at a designated school approved for student loan purposes by the Province of Saskatchewan, leading to a degree, diploma or certificate;
- Be in financial need according to the student loan program guidelines;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student, taking at least 60% of a full course load in each semester or term. (NOTE: Students with permanent disabilities are considered full-time under the Canada Student Loans Program if they are enrolled in a minimum of 40% of a full course load);
- Be in regular attendance in the course of study (must attend 90% or more of classes in each calendar month and over the entire length of the course);
- Maintain a satisfactory scholastic standard to continue to be eligible for student loans. This means that the student must successfully complete 60% of the full course load in each year loans were received;
- Be receiving assistance for less than 340 weeks of study.

Exceptions to the 340 week lifetime limit are:

- Students who received Canada Student Loans prior to August 1, 1995, or students with permanent disabilities who are eligible for funding until their programs are complete or the lifetime limit of 520 weeks of study on assistance is exceeded; and doctoral students with a maximum lifetime of 400 weeks;

- Students must not exceed the maximum duration of eligibility for each level of study (the normal duration of the level specified by the school for completion, plus one additional period.

Canada Student Loans are interest-free while the recipient is a full-time student. Interest on the Canada Student Loan begins to accrue on the first day of the first month after the student graduates or ceases full-time study. Interest does not accrue between academic years if the break is six months or less, and if the appropriate documentation is submitted to a lender.

Alberta [13]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

In Alberta the EAPD program is used to supplement federal and provincial student loans programs (see below). Support from EAPD will be made available when resources for the student loans program are not sufficient to meet disability-related expenses. A pamphlet from the provincial government explains the system in this way:

"Post-secondary learners (with disabilities) may be eligible to receive federal and provincial loan-based assistance to cover education and living costs. Also through the Canada and Alberta Student Loan programs disabled post-secondary students may be eligible for grants to cover assistive services and devices as well as disability related accommodation and transportation costs ... Learners who have a disability may be eligible to receive grants to cover the cost of assistive services (e.g., interpreters, notetakers) and assistive devices (e.g., specialized equipment)."

Source: "Programs and Services for Albertan's with Disabilities," Alberta Department of Career Development.

Services are given to eligible applicants on an as needed basis. No waiting lists were reported to the researchers of this project. For further information contact the local Alberta Career Development Centre or Canada Alberta Service Centre.

Student Loans Program

Canada Student Loans, provincial student loans and grants are available to Alberta students. Generally students are eligible for assistance up to $10,100 per academic year. Dependent students who must move away from home to study may be eligible for up to $12,100 per academic year. Disadvantaged Albertans eligible for maintenance grants may receive up to $16,100 per academic year. High need students with

dependants may receive a maximum of $3,000 per loan year under the Canada Study Grant Program. Students with high needs may receive a maximum of $1,500 in lieu of loans under the Alberta Opportunities Bursary. Northern Alberta residents may receive a maximum of $1,500 under the Northern Student Supplement program. In addition, students may qualify for up to $4,000 in Millennium Scholarships. The following features are available in Alberta:

- Canada Student Loans - Up to 60% of a student's eligibility to a maximum of $165, per week of study.
- Provincial Loans - Issued as a supplement to the Canada Student Loans Program. Maximum loans under both programs cannot exceed $10,100 per academic year.
- Maintenance Grants - Up to $6,000 per academic year provided to disadvantaged individuals, primarily single parents.
- Remission - A deferred grant paid after graduation, which is intended to control debt. Remission is no longer paid on Canada Student Loans, and is not paid to students owing less than $10,000 after two years of study at the college level, or $20,000 after four years of study at the university level.
- Canada Study Grants - Up to $5,000 for a twelve-month period of study is available for disabled students to assist with disability related costs. Funding is cost shared between the federal and provincial government.
- Part Time Loan and Grant Assistance - For post-secondary study, up to $600 per semester in grant funding and up to a maximum of $4,000 in part-time Canada Student Loan funding for students who are studying on a part-time basis.
- Skills Development Program - The Skills Development Program helps financially disadvantaged clients in need of basic education or the short term skills training necessary for employment. The program is also available to assist apprentices who demonstrate financial need to attend formal training. The program provides up to $16,100 per academic year for full-time study and up to $600 per semester, or $1,800 per academic year, for part-time study.

For more information contact:

Students Finance Information
P.O. Box 28000, Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4

Tel: 780-427-2740 (Edmonton)
Toll Free: 1-800-222-6485
Fax: 780-422-4516
Web Site: http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/learning/finance.html

The Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund

Objective:

To stimulate the pursuit of excellence by recognizing outstanding achievement and by encouraging and assisting Albertan's to achieve their fullest potential whether intellectual, cultural, social or physical.

Description:

The Fund supports over 40 scholarship programs ranging from the recognition of academic excellence at the high school, undergraduate and graduate levels to excellence in athletic, artistic, leadership, citizenship, business and career development activities. It is offered through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund office.

The Students Finance Board also provides three additional grant programs for: educating for employment in northern Alberta; on-the-job and short course training for the motion picture industry; and recognizing the achievement of adult learners.

For more information contact:

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund
Learner Assistance Division
9th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street
Box 28000, Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4

Tel: 780-427-8640
Fax: 780-422-4516

British Columbia [14]

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

In British Columbia, as elsewhere in Canada, the EAPD Program has been in operation for over a year. During the first year very few changes in program funding were reported. At this time, changes in implementation of the program are taking place but new guidelines, including a decision on eligibility of post-secondary education are not expected until the autumn of 2000.

Presently, the resources available through the EAPD program are used to support the activities of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), among other things. VRS is a unit in the Province's Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security.

When this information was collected officials reported that EAPD, through the VRS Program, could be used to pay for costs associated with post-secondary education, including tuition, books and adaptive technology. It was further reported that eligibility is determined by a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and must be part of a vocational plan that will result in the acquisition of entry-level employment skills.

Waiting lists of varying lengths across the province were also reported. Those interested in the program should expect a delay of at least one-month before an initial meeting with a VRS counselor.

For more information students can either contact the Financial Aid Office at their school, or speak with the disability services coordinator.

Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities

This program offers a grant of up to $12,000 a year to assist with exceptional education-related costs of having a disability. These costs may include equipment and services needed to access post-secondary education, such as note takers, tutors, readers, attendant care, specialized transportation and / or technical aids. It is also important to note that there are no course load minimum restrictions with this program.

You do not need to be eligible for assistance under the BC student assistance program to qualify for this support.

Applications are available from the Adult Special Education Coordinator or the Financial Award Office at all public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.

Adult Services Program - British Columbia

The Adult Services program is a government initiative to provide special technology services to support post-secondary students or employees who have a disability. The aim is to reduce barriers in reaching educational and vocational goals.

In British Columbia, post-secondary students and employees with disabilities who use adaptive technology may acquire their equipment through the Adult Services Program (ASP). The Program houses a loan bank of adaptive technology which eligible students and employees can access through referring agents (disability service coordinators, or vocational rehabilitation consultants with Vocational Rehabilitation Services). Support services for adaptive equipment include consultation, and training.

For more information contact:

Adult Services Program
#112 - 1750 West 75th Ave.
Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2

Email: info@aspbc.org
Web Site: http://www.aspbc.org/

Student Loans Program

The British Columbia Student Assistance Program (BCSAP) is a needs based program. It is designed to provide additional financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in at least 60 percent of a full post-secondary level course load (40 percent for students with permanent disabilities), for credit, for a minimum of 12 weeks. Students must attend a designated post-secondary school, and their studies must lead towards a certificate, diploma or degree.

BCSAP is intended to supplement, not replace funds available to students through work, savings/assets and family resources/income. The Program is needs based, considering income and resources against basic educational costs and a moderate standard of living.

There is a limit to the amount of funding available to students, based on the number of weeks of study. In addition, both the federal and provincial programs have lifetime maximums.

Students in high cost programs may need to seek other sources of funding to assist with direct educational costs.

Canada Student Loans

Canada Student Loans are provided to eligible students through a standard application process. The amount of assistance you may receive is determined through a standard needs assessment. Policies for eligibility and needs assessment processes are set by the federal government, under the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act and related regulations and policies. The province of BC adheres to these policies in the assessment of all student loan applications received.

The Canada Student Financial Assistance Act and BC Student Assistance Program policy require that students "attain a satisfactory scholastic standing" to be eligible for continued assistance.

The federal government pays the bank or credit union the interest due while the student is enrolled in full-time study at a designated post-secondary school. These loans must be repaid.

British Columbia Student Loans

British Columbia Student Loans are provided to eligible students through a standard application process. The amount of assistance you may receive is determined through a needs assessment. The province of BC follows similar policies and regulations as those set by the federal government. To be considered eligible for provincial assistance you must first be eligible for a Canada Student Loan.

The provincial government pays the bank or credit union the interest due on the loan, while the student is enrolled in full-time study at a designated post-secondary school and for six months following the student's study end date. These loans must be repaid.

Students are responsible for making repayment arrangements (principal and interest) with the bank or credit union beginning six months after leaving classes.

British Columbia Grant

The BC Grant was introduced in 1987 as one of a number of recommendations from a review of student financial assistance in British Columbia.

The grant funding is available to eligible high need students enrolled in their first 136 weeks of full-time post-secondary study. High need students are those whose assessed need is in excess of $105 per week of study.

Students attending private training schools are not eligible for the BC Grant.

To be considered eligible for a grant you must first be eligible for a Canada Student Loan.

Previously, British Columbia Grants were available only to high-need students in their first 68 weeks of study. Now all students are eligible for three granting programs. Eligibility will be automatically calculated for each type of grant. The amount of the grant indicated on this Notice of Assessment may consist of any combination of:

- British Columbia Grants.
- Canada Study Grants.
- Canada Millennium Foundation Scholarship Grants.

For more information contact:

British Columbia Student Services Branch
Advanced Education, Training and Technology
2nd Floor, 1106 Cook Street
Victoria, BC V8V 3Z9

Tel: 250-387-6100

Lower Mainland
P.O. Box 9173
Station Provincial government
Victoria, BC V8W 9H7

Tel: 1-800-561-1818 (in British Columbia)
Fax: 250-356-9455
Web Site: http://www.aett.gov.bc.ca/studentservices/

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Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

The Yukon government has not signed an agreement with the Federal government to implement the EAPD program. As such, support specifically to students with disabilities still operates under the terms of the Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons (VRDP) Program. This program does offer support to students with disabilities to attend post-secondary education. However, it is a small program with a limited budget and students are encouraged to seek other supports, such as student loans.

Student Loan Program

The Yukon Government also offers a number of financial support programs, (note that not all of these are targeted at students with disabilities). These include:

1. Canada Student Loan Program - The Yukon Department of Education administers this program, which includes access to Canada Study Grants for students with disabilities.
2. Yukon Grant - The Yukon Department of Education also administers this grant, which supports post-secondary education. There are residency requirements for obtaining the grant, which is provided for up to 5 years at $1,240 per semester.
3. Training Allowance - this is available for Yukon residents and it provides support for courses at Yukon College or other approved training courses. Individuals are paid $70 per week with an additional $15 per dependent up to a maximum of 4 dependents. Note that there are no special funds for students with disabilities in this program, although students with disabilities may apply.
4. Financial assistance for individuals attending a training or upgrading course - The Yukon Social Assistance program provides support for a maximum of one academic year. The school allowance is $50 per month on top of the regular social assistance benefits. Note that people with disabilities may receive special benefits to cover medical and rehabilitation costs as part of their Social Assistance benefits.

For more information contact:

Student Financial Assistance
Advanced Education Branch
Department of Education
Government of Yukon
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Tel: 867-667-5929 or 1-800-661-0408 local 5929 (Toll free within Yukon)
Fax: 867-667-8555
Web site: http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/sites/sfa

Northwest Territories

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

The government of the Northwest Territories has not signed an agreement with the Federal government to implement the EAPD program. As such, support for students with disabilities operates under the terms of the Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons (VRDP) Program. The program does offer support to students with disabilities to attend post-secondary education. However, this is a very small program

with a limited budget and students are encouraged to seek other supports, such as student loans.

VRDP funding has traditionally gone to support the purchase of computers and specialized software for individuals with disabilities. Students at Aurora College or other upgrading or employment-related programs are eligible for funding. The program has also supported assessment and tutoring services for students in post-secondary institutions, colleges, and universities. The focus of the program has been on covering items not covered by mainstream programs such as the student loan program. The program does not cover costs associated with tuition, books or living expenses, which are covered under student financial assistance.

Officials reported a short waiting list for access to VRDP funding at the time of our data collection. They also noted that funds are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. So students are encouraged to apply early for assistance.

Student Loan Program

The Northwest Territories operate a separate student assistance plan and we were not able to gather information on the details of the program in time for inclusion in this publication. For information on the program, residents of the Northwest Territories can contact:

Manager, Student Financial Assistance
Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Government of the North West Territories
Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L2

Tel: 1-403-873-7190
Tel: 1-800-661-0793 (Note: no TTY number was available)
Fax: 867-873-0336

Nunavut

At the time this information was collected no print material was available for the new territory of Nunavut. Residents interested in learning about post-secondary funding programs for people with disabilities should call the Nunavut Department of Education at 1-800-661-0793. Please note that no TTY number was in operation when this information was collected.

National Scholarships and Grants

AUCC Scholarship Programs

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) has three scholarship programs specifically designed to assist post-secondary students with disabilities. The Imasco, Mattinson and Student Access Awards Programs (SAAP) provide students with financial support in pursuit of a post-secondary education.

These programs are designed to provide financial assistance to students with disabilities who wish to pursue studies at the university or college level on a full-time basis and may not be able to do so because of additional expenses incurred as a result of their disability. For the purpose of these programs, the definition of disability is: "a functional limitation resulting from a physical, sensory or mental impairment, which, for an indefinite period, affects the student's ability to perform the activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary learning."

The SAAP has been established to encourage Canadian students with disabilities to pursue a university or college education, which will ultimately prepare them to become active members of Canada's labour force. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada administers the award on behalf of the corporate partners — Great West Life Assurance/London Life, and Human Resources Development Canada. NEADS is also a partner in the Student Access Awards Program.

Each full-time SAAP scholarship is valued at $2,500; part-time scholarships are based on percentage of full-time course load. These awards are available to students with disabilities interested in pursuing post-secondary studies at an accredited university or college in Canada. Applicants will be judged on their academic accomplishments as well as their community involvement.

Candidates for these awards must be Canadian citizens, or have lived in Canada for at least two years as legal permanent residents. The Mattinson Scholarship is valued at $2,500 for each (full-time) student who is chosen as a recipient.

The Imasco Scholarship is worth $5,000 annually and is available to up to 10 students. The deadline for applications is June 1st of each year. Further information and application forms are available from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Canadian Awards Program, International and Canadian Programs Division, 350 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 1B1, Tel: (613) 563-1236, Fax: (613) 563-9745, Email: awards@aucc.ca You can also find out more about the program through the AUCC Web Site: http://www.aucc.ca

Morton Copnick Scholarship for Disabled Students

The Morton Copnick Scholarship for Disabled Students has a value of $500 and goes to a physically disabled student enrolled at the post-secondary level in Canada. The Copnick Scholarship is granted annually in memory of the late Morton Copnick through a fund endowed by members of his family. The first scholarship was awarded in 1984.

For an application, write to the Morton Copnick Scholarship Selection Committee, the Canadian Paraplegic Association - National Office, 1101 Prince of Wales Dr., Suite 320, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3Z0, Tel: (613) 723-1033, Web site: www.canparaplegic.org

Completed applications must be received in the national office no later than August 31. Applications must include transcripts from at least the last two years of study and should also include supporting documents or letters of reference.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has established a doctoral fellowship in the amount of up to $12,000 in the name of Ross Purse. In order to apply, students must be attending Canadian universities or colleges or studying at a foreign university with a demonstrated commitment to work in the field of blindness and visual impairment in Canada. Areas of academic study which relate most specifically to the award include psychology, sociology, social work, education, philosophy, biomedical, gerontology, economics and other social sciences. The award is given to students conducting thesis work related to an understanding of blindness and visual impairment. Preference is given to those proposals that demonstrate study that may have a benefit to policy on a national scope.

One fellowship is awarded annually, based upon acceptance of a qualified applicant. While the value of the fellowship is $12,000, payment of the final instalment is conditional upon receipt of an interim report from the candidate and the thesis supervisor or department head. Candidates must be Canadian citizens. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing. When the program is completed, one copy of the thesis will be sent to the Administrative Secretary of CNIB to be kept on file in the CNIB Sherman Swift Reference Library.

For further information and application forms: The Secretariat, Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship, Canadian National Institute For the Blind, 320 McLeod St., Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1A3, Tel: (613) 563-4021, Fax: (613) 232-9070, Web site: www.cnib.ca Applications must be submitted by April 1st each year.

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Rixon Rafter Scholarship Fund and the Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund

The Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund and the Rixon Rafter Scholarship Fund are available to blind students attending post-secondary programs. These scholarships, ranging from $300 to $500, are given to successful candidates based on their financial needs, academic achievement and career goals. Both scholarships are administered through the Ross Macdonald School in Ontario. Application forms are available from C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the Ross Macdonald School: Rixon Rafter Scholarship Committee/Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Committee, Ross Macdonald School, Brantford, Ontario, N3T 3J9, Tel: (519) 759-0730.

Carol Thompson Memorial Fund Scholarship and the Doreen Kronick Scholarship

Two scholarships offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) are the Doreen Kronick Scholarship and the Carol Thompson Memorial Fund Scholarship. Both are available to post-secondary students with learning disabilities who are enrolled in full-time or part-time study programs. The amount of these awards is $750.

Applicants to the Carol Thompson Memorial Fund Scholarship must submit with their application: a letter of acceptance from the university or college they will be attending; three letters of reference from non-relatives, relevant to the scholarship application; and a letter containing the following information: a description of the applicant's learning disability, an outline of those coping skills and strategies which have been developed to compensate for the learning disability, the individual's involvement in the community as a volunteer and the applicant's future goals.

The Doreen Kronick Scholarship (DKS) may be awarded to a person who is pursuing a program of graduate study in a university that will assist learning disabled students. Unlike the Carol Thomson Memorial Scholarship, the DKS applicants need not have a learning disability. Applications are reviewed according to the following criteria: the student's future educational program leading towards assisting persons with learning disabilities; the submission of a satisfactory academic record; the student's contribution to his or her community and to campus life.

To apply for both of these awards, you must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant. Recipients of these scholarships will not be eligible to reapply for three years.

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th each year. Applications are sent to: Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, 323 Chapel Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7Z2, Tel: (613) 238-5721, Fax: (613) 235-5391, Web site: www.educ.queensu.ca/~lda

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program

The Government of Canada initiated the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program on behalf of the Canadian people in recognition of the achievements of Terry Fox. The program encourages Canadian youth to seek the ideals of Terry Fox. It is a renewable award, subject to certain academic criteria and students who are attending both college and university programs are eligible. Selection criteria for recipients are based on demonstration of: good citizenship and humanitarian service, perseverance in overcoming obstacles, the pursuit of academic excellence, the pursuit of excellence in amateur sport, fitness and health.

The value of each award is $4,000 annually, up to a maximum of four years until a degree is obtained. Between 35 and 40 students with disabilities receive the award each year. However, the scholarship is not restricted to students with disabilities.

In parts of the country where no tuition fees are applicable, the award value is $2,500. There is a requirement that applicants to the award be Canadian citizens or be in the process of applying for citizenship at the time of the application. Post-secondary endeavours considered eligible for funding are the areas of academic study in amateur sport, and health and community service. Applications must be received by February 1st, with supporting documents attached. Those applying must not exceed 25 years of age. For further information, contact: Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program, Simon Fraser University, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6, Tel: (604) 291-3057, Fax: (604) 291-3311.

National Union of Public and General Employees — Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship

The National Union of Public General Employees (NUPGE) offers a Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship. Eligible candidates for the funding are all children (including foster children) with disabilities of NUPGE members who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary education institution full-time. The amount of the award is $1,000 and the application deadline is June 30th. The winner will be determined on the basis of a 750-1000 word essay on: "the importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of people with disabilities."

For further information and/or application forms, contact: Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship, National Union of Public and General Employees, 15 Auriga Drive, Nepean, Ontario, K2E 1B7, Tel: 613-228-9800, Fax: 613-228-9801, Email: national@nupge.ca, Web site: www.nupge.ca

Scholarship for Individuals with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus

The Spina Bifida Association of Canada awards funding to post-secondary students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. This scholarship program was established in 1993 to celebrate and support Canadian persons with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus in their efforts to pursue an education in their chosen field of study. Three awards valued at $1,000 each will be presented to qualified applicants who are Canadian citizens. Candidates are asked to submit the following: secondary school certificate, academic transcripts for the last institution attended, physician's letter certifying presence of spina bifida and/or Hydrocephalus, and two letters of reference (education and character).

A Scholarship Committee of the Spina Bifida Association of Canada reviews the applications. Completed application forms are to be sent by April 15th each year along with required documentation to: Spina Bifida Association of Canada, 220-388 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2J4, Tel: (204) 957-1784, (800) 565-9488.

It should be noted that the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario also offers funding through the Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick Scholarship program. The stated purpose of this scholarship is "to encourage and support students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to develop independence and responsibility for their own educational directions; to assist students to pursue higher education whether at university or any other centre of post-secondary studies with the ultimate goal of obtaining a degree or graduate certificate or diploma."

The number and amount of awards will be decided on a yearly basis. There is a $5,000 minimum awarded annually, with a $1,250 maximum awarded per individual.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Ontario scholarship is March 29. Applications should be sent to: The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, 35 McCaul Street, Suite 310, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1V7, Tel: (416) 214-1056 or 1(800) 387-1575.

Canadian Cerebral Palsy Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to assist individuals with Cerebral Palsy. For more information contact the Canadian Cerebral Palsy Association, 825 Sherbrooke Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3A 1M5, Tel: (204) 982-4842.

CanWest Global System Broadcasters of the Future: Scholarship Internship Award for a Canadian with a Physical Disability

This annual award, which was started in 1993, provides a $15,000 award-internship to a Canadian student who has a mobility impairment. The award covers all tuition fees, book costs and associated fees for one full year of a radio and television arts

program or journalism program at a recognised university, college or polytechnical institute. The award includes a three or four month internship at the Global Television Network station in Don Mills, Ontario, and moving expenses associated with the internship for the summer. In addition, Global Television will arrange and pay for the winner to attend the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) convention's closing awards dinner in November to accept the award.

Eligibility criteria for this award are as follows: Canadian citizen, a physical disability, secondary school graduate with a grade average suitable for admission to radio and television arts or journalism programs at recognised post-secondary schools in Canada (transcripts are required), good English language communications skills. The award-internship has the following guidelines: the tuition fees will be paid directly to the educational institute; textbook and supply costs will be paid to the award winner upon submission of receipts; applicants will indicate whether or not they will be able to locate to the Toronto area for the summer internship portion of the award; Global television will design the internship based on the needs of the successful applicant and those of the station.

Applications should include the following: completed application form, copy of transcript of marks to date, one page written statement outlining applicant's interest in broadcasting career goals, three letters of reference (for example: teachers, employers, colleagues), and a letter from a medical doctor describing the type and extent of the applicant's disability. All materials are to be mailed directly to Global. The deadline for applications is May 31.

For further information on the Global scholarship contact: Canwest Global System, Broadcasters of The Future Award, 81 Barber Greene Rd., Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 2A2.

Maureen Ashton Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind has created the Maureen Ashton Memorial Scholarship for post-secondary education. The scholarship is in support of persons who are blind or partially sighted and are attending a post-secondary institute on a full-time basis. Up to $1,500 will be awarded annually. If you are interested in applying for the Maureen Ashton Memorial Scholarship please contact: ASRAB, Box 85056, Alberta Park Postal Outlet, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 7R7, Tel: (403) 262-5332.

National Bank of Canada Bursary and Summer Employment Program

The National Bank of Canada offers two bursaries of $1,500 and two summer jobs with the bank for a period of twelve weeks for two university students with a disability. There is also a bursary in the amount of $1,000 available to a CEGEP student. The purpose of the program is to encourage students with physical or sensory disabilities

to pursue university studies as well as to enable them to acquire work experience related to their studies.

The bursaries are available for the academic year, and the jobs for the summer following the school year. Bursaries are granted in June. Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada, and reside in Quebec, Ontario or New Brunswick. They must be in a full-time university program or CEGEP program in Quebec, Ontario or New Brunswick, and registered in a course that will lead to a specialized bachelor's degree or master's degree in a banking-related field (Business Administration, Economics, Computer Science, Industrial Relations, etc.). Applicants must be at least 17 years of age.

Bursaries and summer jobs will be administered by the National Bank of Canada. The final selection of applicants will be made by a jury composed of representatives from the educational milieu, the community and the bank. The jury's decision will be based on the overall quality of the candidate's application.

For further information on this program and to obtain application forms, contact: National Bank of Canada, Employment Equity Officer (91693), Human Resources, 600 de la Gauchetière West, 8th Floor, Montréal, Québec, H3B 4L2, Tel: (514) 394-8585. The deadline for submission of application forms is March of each year.

CMT International Sophie Abarbanel Educational Assistance Award

Each year, the CMT International Sophie Abarbanel Educational Assistance Award of $1,000 or more is given to one or divided between several persons having Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease who wish(es) to attend an institution of higher learning for an undergraduate or graduate level post-secondary education.

An application form with verification of your disability and proof of registration at a post-secondary institution is required. The form and accompanying documentation are to be in the office of CMT International by May 15 of the year the student is requesting assistance. Successful applicants are notified by telephone and mail by June 15. Those who have applied will know who has won the award as a profile of the individual(s) will appear in the CMT Newsletter.

A cheque will be sent to the person(s) in receipt of the award to be used at his/her discretion towards the goal of a degree from a recognized university, college or school of higher learning. To be eligible applicants must be a member in good standing of CMT International. This does not necessarily mean that you have made a donation, but you have asked to be kept on the mailing list of the association. Persons applying for this scholarship will be also considered for the $150 Charlie Christie Book Award.

For further information contact: CMT International, 1 Springbank Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, L2S 2K1, Tel: (416) 687-3630.

Public Service Commission of Canada: Personnel Psychologist Sponsorship Program

The Personnel Psychology Centre of the Public Service Commission of Canada is offering a sponsorship and recruitment program to candidates studying in industrial/organizational psychology. This program is open only to members of designated under-represented groups - aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and visible minority group members. Two sponsorships will be offered, renewable for one academic year.

The award is valued at $15,000 per year, plus an opportunity, upon graduation, for employment with the Personnel Psychology Centre in Ottawa as an industrial/organizational psychologist. Summer employment may also be available.

All applicants must hold an Honours Bachelor's degree in psychology and be eligible for admission to a Master's or Doctoral program in industrial/organizational psychology at a Canadian university. Applicants may also be currently enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program in industrial/organizational psychology at a Canadian university. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens.

Candidates must have maintained a minimum "B" average (or its equivalent) during their previous years of university studies. Knowledge of either English or French is essential.

Candidates are responsible for gaining admission in an industrial/organizational psychology program at an eligible Canadian university, which offers graduate level courses and/or seminars. For the purpose of this award courses in the following subjects are eligible: ethical, legal and professional issues in psychology; personnel selection; measurement theory and individual assessment; test and rating scale development; statistical methods and data analysis; research methods; organizational theory; leadership theory and job and task analysis.

The scholarship is tenable at any Canadian university offering programs in industrial/organizational Psychology, which is a member, or affiliated with a member, of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

A committee of experts convened by the AUCC will pre-select applications on the basis of academic merit and relevance of the Psychology program to the PSC as indicated in the section "Field of Study" on the application form. An independent Selection Committee of the Public Service Commission will evaluate these applications. Selection decisions are final and are not open to appeal. The closing date is February of each year.

For further information and application forms contact: Canadian Awards Program, International and Canadian Programs Division, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, 350 Albert Street, Suite 600, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1, Tel: (613) 563-1236, Fax: (613) 563-9745, TTY (613) 992-3748. A diskette format will be made available on request.

Centennial Flame Research Award for Persons with Disabilities

This award is available to any Canadian citizen with a disability wishing to apply to conduct research. The value of the award is $3,000. Those interested should contact: Centennial Flame Research Award For Persons With Disabilities, The Clerk, Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons With Disabilities, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6, Tel: (613) 996-1542, TTY: (613) 943-8399, Fax: (613) 996-1962, Web site: www.parl.gc.ca

National Federation of the Blind Scholarship

Scholarship Information

The National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality (NFB:AE), is an organization dedicated to providing blind and vision-impaired individuals with the tools they need to compete on an equal basis with other members of Canadian society. Through public education and advocacy this organization seeks to improve the lives of blind Canadians by providing a forum for mentorship, discussion and action.

The NFB:AE offers four scholarships to recognize outstanding blind scholars in Canada. These scholarships are presented yearly at the Annual Canadian NFB:AE Convention in Canada.

Criteria

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

1. academic excellence
2. service to the community,
3. extra-curricular activities

Note: All of the above criteria are weighed equally when scholarship applications are reviewed.

Four scholarships of $1,500 will be awarded.

Qualifications

All applicants must:

1. be legally blind
2. reside in Canada
3. be pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time college or university-level course of

study, at a graduate or undergraduate level and

4. be willing to attend the Annual NFB:AE convention. (Winner's convention expenses will be paid for by the National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality)

Membership

The National Federation of the Blind Advocates for Equality is an organization dedicated to creating opportunity for all persons who are blind. Recipients of Federation scholarships need not be members of the National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality, but membership and involvement is encouraged.

Awards

The Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the scholarship recipients. These recipients, the same number as there are scholarships to award, will be notified of their selection by March 15, 2000. Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipients no later than September 1, 2000.

Convention Attendance

The National Federation of the Blind: Advocates For Equality convention is the largest gathering of Canadian blind persons to occur anywhere in Canada each year. During the convention scholarship winners will be able to meet other blind students and exchange information and ideas. Recipients may also meet and talk with blind people who are successfully functioning in their chosen profession or occupation. Above all, a broad cross section of the most active segment of the blind population of Canada will be present to discuss common problems and plan for concerted action. The convention is always interesting and exciting.

How to Apply

To apply for National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality scholarships, complete and return the application form, attaching to the application all of the additional documents requested. Multiple applications are unnecessary. Each applicant will be considered for all scholarships for which he or she qualifies. Send completed applications to:

National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality
Scholarship Committee
107-1455 Ellis Street
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2A3

If you have additional questions, please contact Betty Nobel at (604) 597-0311 evenings and weekends.

Wayne and Walter Gretzky Scholarship Foundation

The Foundation honours the Gretzky's commitment to visually impaired young Canadians. Established in 1996, the foundation continues the Gretzky family tradition of assistance to eligible blind and visually impaired students studying or planning to study at the post-secondary level.

To be eligible applicants must be blind or severely visually impaired, planning to or currently pursuing full time studies and be a Canadian citizen or Landed immigrant for at least one year prior to submitting an application for consideration.

Applicants are expected to have achieved high academic standing and have superior intellectual ability. Those skills can be demonstrated through an essay and responses on the application form. The award is worth $5,000 and the number of awards may vary. Applications must be received by August 1st. For additional information contact the Wayne and Walter Gretzky Scholarship Foundation, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto ON M4G 3E8, Tel: (416) 486-2500, Fax: (416) 480-7724,Web site: www.cnib.ca

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians with Disabilities Graduate Student Research Award

The Active Living Alliance promotes active lifestyles for Canadians with disabilities. The Alliance supports the efforts of graduate students conducting research that encourages themes of physically active lifestyles among Canadians with disabilities.

The winner of this award will be sponsored to present the findings of their research at the National Alliance Forum and a formal presentation will be made to the recipient at that time. The award includes travel costs to and from the forum, a waiver of conference registration fees, and shared accommodation.

Students currently enrolled in a graduate level program at a Canadian university are eligible to apply. The applicant must be the principal author of the submitted paper. The research must exemplify the vision, mission, and the goals of the Alliance. In addition, the research project must relate to disability and sport, recreation and leisure, physical education, or the physically active lifestyles of Canadians with disabilities.

Research projects are not eligible under three conditions: 1) if they have been previously published or presented at a conference or symposium; 2) if the research is eligible for travel funds through other funding sources; 3) if the applicant is a previous winner of the award.

Applications will be judged on the basis of compliance with the overall eligibility criteria, availability to be present at the Forum, strength of the application and the

strength of the research project. The application deadline is March 1st each year. For more information or to obtain an application contact the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with Disabilities, 1101 Prince of Wales Drive, Suite 230, Ottawa Ontario, K2C3W7 or call 1-800-771-0663, or (613) 723-8710,
Email: disability.alliance@rtm.activeliving.ca

Parke – Davis Epilepsy Scholarship Program

The Parke-Davis Scholarship Program administers 16 scholarships annually for students with epilepsy. Each scholarship is worth $3,000. Applicants must be currently under a physician's care for treatment of epilepsy and must be taking anti-epileptic medication.

The program is open to high school seniors who have applied to a university or college program and students currently in post-secondary studies. To apply applicants must obtain application materials and submit a completed form with a 250-word essay. Applicants will need one letter of recommendation from their physician and one letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or employer. Applicants will have to provide proof of registration and attach relevant high school or college transcripts. The selection of successful candidates is based on academic merit and extracurricular activities. The deadline for application is March 1st. For more information contact Jeffrey Tarnoff, Parke-Davis Epilepsy Scholarship Program, c/o IntraMed, 1633 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10019, or call 1-800 AWARD-PD or (212) 827-6547 or Email: info@epilepsy-scholarship.org

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Scholarship Awards for College Students

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf administers a number of scholarships varying in amounts from $500 to $1000. These scholarships are open to qualified students who were born with a profound or severe hearing impairment, or those who have lost their hearing before acquiring language skills and have been accepted into a regular full-time college or university program. These awards are available to students in any field of study who attend any accredited educational institution.

To make application to this program you must request an application in writing before December 1st of the previous year. Telephone requests for application packages will not be accepted. Completed applications must be in by April 1st. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Coordinator, Alexander G. Bell Association for the Deaf, 3417, Volta Place, NW, Washington, DC 2007, or call (202) 337-5220 (Voice/TTY), Email: agbell2@aol.com, www.agbell.org

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Christian Record Services Scholarship

Christian Record Services oversees approximately ten scholarships of $500 each year. The scholarships, renewable annually upon reapplication, are open to legally blind students in any field of study at any accredited four year college or university who are planning to secure training that will further independence and self-support. Those interested in applying should write Christian Record Services for an application, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information contact: Christian Record Services, P.O. Box 6097, Lincoln, NE, 68506, or call (402) 488-0981, or visit their Web site at: http://www.tagnet.org/crs/sscholar.htm

William and Dorothy Ferrell Scholarship

The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired awards two $500 scholarships to legally blind students who intend to pursue a career in support services for the blind and visually impaired. Selection of candidates is based on academic achievement, financial need, and career pursuits. The application deadline is April 15th. For information contact the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, PO Box 22397, Alexandria, VA, 22304, or call (703) 823-9690, or Email aernet@laser.net, or visit their Web site at www.aerbvi.org

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Donald E. Curren Scholarship

The scholarship is open to students with mobility impairments who have been accepted by a university in the Atlantic Provinces. Preference is given to applicants who are paraplegic or quadriplegic. The award is based on academic standing and other criteria as determined by the Selection Committee. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and reside in the Atlantic Provinces. The deadline for receipt of the applications is July 31st of each year. For more information, contact: Donald E. Curren Scholarship Fund, c/o Canadian Paraplegic Association,1310 Hollis Street, Suite 150, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3P3, Tel: (902) 423-1277, Fax: (902) 492-1213, TTY: (902) 425-8326.

F.J.L. Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Scholarship Fund

Blind and visually impaired students graduating from grade 8 and from secondary school who are continuing their education may be considered as candidates. Students should be academically motivated with a reasonable level of achievement. A scholarship of $400 will be awarded to one secondary school graduate from the following Atlantic provinces and schools: Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Sir Frederick Fraser School. Deadline for applications is April 25th. For more information, contact: F.J.L. Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Scholarship, c/o Mr. Roy Reynolds, President, SAPA Maritime Branch, 3 Heritage Gardens, Saint John, N.B., E2M 5R7, Tel: (506) 674-2232.

Interprovincial School Development Association Scholarships/Awards/Grants

The Interprovincial School Development Association was formed by the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired formerly the Interprovincial School for the Deaf. The Development Association is a registered charitable organization. All monies raised and accepted by the Association are used to provide and extend recreational, cultural and educational opportunities, activities and experiences for children who are deaf or hard of hearing up to the age of twenty-one years. Funds are used for:

1. Scholarships to provide incentives for: a) post-secondary training of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; and b) post-secondary training of professionals working with or preparing to work with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

2. Graduation awards and prizes to provide incentives for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in current APSEA programs.
3. Grants to support recreational, social and cultural activities such as, and not limited to, pupil exchanges, summer camps, student conferences/seminars/meetings, and sports.
4. Grants to support research towards the development of techniques that would improve the learning of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 1st for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and October 1st for professionals. For more information, contact: Interprovincial School Development Association, Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA), Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired, 5940 South Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 1S6, Tel: (902) 424-8500, Fax: (902) 424-0543.

Lloyd Little Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to: (a) any New Brunswick student who has Spina Bifida and/or hydrocephalus graduating in the current year, and (b) any New Brunswick student graduating in the current year who plans to study in fields beneficial to Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association members, such as medical, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, etc. The amount of the scholarship is $200. The deadline for applications is May 1st. For more information, contact: Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of New Brunswick, 1325 Mountain Road, Moncton, N.B., E1C 2T9, Tel: (506) 857-9947, Fax: (506) 857-9432.

New Brunswick Kidney Foundation Bursary Awards Program

The bursary program is designed to assist New Brunswick kidney patients (dialysis, transplant or those who have been diagnosed with chronic renal disease), or the spouse of a kidney patient, or the dependant child of a kidney patient, to further their education and/or training in an accredited post-secondary program. Five awards of $500 each will be made available. The deadline for applications is mid-July. Applications are available through the branch office. For more information: The Kidney Foundation of Canada, New Brunswick Branch, 65 Brunswick Street, Suite 101, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 1G5, Tel: (506) 453-0533, Fax: (506) 454-3639, Email: kidney@nbnet.nb.ca

Provincial Artisans Inc. Scholarships

An anonymous source has agreed to provide capital to fund up to five $2,000 scholarships to aid physically disabled students to attend an institution offering post-secondary education. The scholarships were first made available for the 1996-97 academic year and are being offered again for 2000-2001. Deadline for applications is

June 30th. A successful applicant would be a student with a physical disability who resides in the Fredericton/Oromocto area, entering or already attending university or community college. The decisions of the scholarship committee will be based on these three factors:

1. Type of disability.
2. Financial need.
3. Prior academic performance.

Applicants may apply by sending a resumé to: Scholarship Committee, Provincial Artisans Inc., P. O. Box 1151, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5C2.

Rotary Club of Fredericton Memorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Fredericton awards the Memorial Scholarship to: a student with a physical disability of any age trying to further his/her education, or to a person who has worked or is working with persons with physical disabilities and wishes to upgrade his/her professional skills through education. Also eligible are those who are planning to work with persons with physical disabilities as a future career. The number and value of awards vary. The deadline for applications is May 31st and awards are announced in August. In selecting candidates, preference will be given to applications from the Fredericton area.

S.R. Hussey Memorial Fund

This fund is able to provide a limited amount of assistance to residents of Atlantic Canada who meet one of the following conditions:

1. People who are legally blind for the pursuit of studies or training and the purchase of necessary equipment.
2. People who are legally blind for the purchase of equipment or other services to be used in their employment.

To be considered for a grant, an application must be submitted prior to May 1st of any given year. Forms may be obtained from any office of the C.N.I.B. Grants made have typically ranged from $100 to $800, depending on the perceived needs of the applicant and the funds available. For more information, contact: S.R. Hussey Memorial Fund, c/o APSEA, 5940 South Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 1S6, Tel: (902) 424-8500, Fax: (902) 424-0543.

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Telephone Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Scholarship

The Telephone Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Inc. will offer an annual scholarship(s) to an individual(s) who is mentally, physically or sensory disabled or to an individual(s) who is training to work with mentally, physically or sensory disabled individuals. The applicant(s) will be attending a program at a post-secondary institution. Qualifications include: academic ability, plans for continued education, community and school participation, and the need for financial assistance. Applications should be made prior to May 15th.

For more information, contact: Darlene Friars, Telephone Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Inc., One Brunswick Square (BS2), P.O. Box 1430, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4K2, Tel: (506) 658-7387, Fax: (506) 694-2392.

Wanderer's Trust Scholarship

This scholarship is available to students who have sustained a spinal cord injury resulting in paraplegia or quadriplegia. The recipient must be accepted by a university or institution of higher learning in the Atlantic Provinces and be involved in an organized sport or related activity, which involves direct participation, coaching, officiating, or other such activity. Successful candidates must maintain at least a "C" average and have lived in any one of the Atlantic Provinces for five years before applying. The scholarship will also be awarded on merit and on any such other criteria as the Selection Committee may determine. Closing date for applications is July 31st of each year.

For more information, contact: Wanderer's Trust Scholarship Fund, c/o Canadian Paraplegic Association, 1310 Hollis Street, Suite 150, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3P3, Tel: (902) 423-1277, Fax: (902) 492-1213, TTY: (902) 425-8326.

Quebec

AQEIPS Bursary Program

The Quebec Association of Post-Secondary Disabled Students (AQEIPS), an association representing the needs of students with disabilities in Quebec, has established a bursary program for students with disabilities pursuing post-secondary studies at educational institutions within the province. The number of awards varies depending on the availability of funds provided by sponsor agencies and each individual award is $500.00.

For further information on this exciting initiative, contact the Association: 5255 ave Decelles, bureau 4041 (HEC), Montreal, Quebec, H3T 1V6, Tel: (514) 340-7136, Fax: (514) 340-7135, Email: aqehps@cedep.net

Alberta

The Alberta Committee of Citizens With Disabilities (ACCD) 25th Anniversary Scholarship Program

The Alberta Committee of Citizens With Disabilities (ACCD) is the grass-roots provincial organization of people with disabilities in Alberta. The ACCD has undertaken to improve the lives of people with disabilities living in Alberta. To that aim, the ACCD has created a bursary to be awarded to people with disabilities in order to assist them in furthering their expertise in the educational field of their choosing, thus enhancing the individual's accomplishments.

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. An Alberta citizen with a disability.
2. A member, or willing to become a member, of the ACCD.
3. Use the funds, if awarded, within the province of Alberta.
4. Be at least 18 years of age.
5. Complete an application form and provide a letter of reference from an adult other than a family member.

The bursary may be used for course materials and or tuition fees. The total number of awards given each year varies. The total amount awarded is $2000.00 with each disbursement ranging from $200.00 to $500.00.

The Selection Committee will be made up of three elected members of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities. Applicants are judged on their motivation, level of need and economic circumstances. Winners of the bursary will be announced at the ACCD Annual General Meeting. All application materials must be received at the ACCD office by April 30th. For more information contact: Alberta Committee for Citizens with Disabilities, #707, 10339-124 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5N 3W1, Telephone: (780) 488-9088, Fax: (780) 488-3757, TTY: (780) 488-9090, Toll-free: 1-800-387-2514.

Alberta Blue Cross 50th Anniversary Bursary for Students with Special Needs

Offered annually to first-year students entering any undergraduate faculty at the University of Calgary who will incur additional expenses due to a disability/handicap. The award will be based on academic merit and financial need. Applicants must provide proof of disability (i.e. doctor's statement). To be eligible for this award, students must be graduates of an Alberta high school and be registered full time but need not carry a full course load. For information, contact: Student Awards Offices at post-secondary institutions in the Province of Alberta. The Deadline for application is December 1st.

British Columbia

Kit Davison Bursary Endowment Fund

This fund is administered by the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, B.C. region, and was established in the name of Kit Davison. Students who have muscular dystrophy and wish to continue their studies at any post-secondary institution in the province of British Columbia are eligible. In order to apply, students must be registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a resident of B.C., and a grade 12 graduate. The value of the award is $500, with one presented each school year. The deadline for applications is August 1, and all enquiries are to be directed to: M.S. Association, Suite 123, 1600 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6J 1R3.

The Derek Saltzberg Memorial Bursary

The Saltzberg family has established this bursary in the amount of $500. The student who receives the award must have muscular dystrophy and be registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. Studies may take place at any post-secondary institution in British Columbia. In order to receive applications write to: the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, B.C. Region, Suite 123, 1600 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6J 1R3. Applications must be completed and returned to the Association by August 1st each year.

Province of British Columbia International Year of Disabled Persons Bursaries

Established to recognize the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981), several annual bursaries valued at $500 each are available to assist students with disabilities. The recipients are determined on the basis of both financial need and academic merit. To be eligible for the Province of British Columbia International Year of Disabled Persons Bursaries, a student must be a resident of B.C. and a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant. Application forms are available through: the Grant Coordinator, B.C. Paraplegic Foundation, 780 S. Marine Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6P 5Y7.

The Robinson and Buckland Memorial Bursary

Sponsored by the Canadian National Institute For The Blind in memory of a former Director of the B.C. Yukon Division of the Institute, the Robinson and Buckland Memorial Bursary is issued a maximum of two times to applicants enrolled in a four year program. Those students enrolled in a two year program can receive the award only once. To be eligible, students must be registered with the CNIB. Applications can be accessed through the CNIB, 350 East 36th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5W 1C6. The deadline to apply is no later than August 15th each year.

B.C. Paraplegic Association Club of Victoria Scholarship

Each year a physically disabled student with "permanent mobility impairments" is eligible for a scholarship in the amount of $1,200. A committee composed of three bodies selects recipients. The committee includes a representative from the Senate Committee on Awards, Student and Ancillary Services of the University of Victoria, and the B.C. Paraplegic Association. To obtain application forms, applicants should contact the Office of the Administrative Registrar of the university. The deadline for submissions is April 30th each year.

C. Deans Memorial Scholarship

The Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Paraplegic Association, B.C. Division, offers a scholarship in the amount of $250 each year. All students with disabilities attending universities in the province are eligible to submit an application, providing they are pursuing a degree in engineering. If no suitable candidate is available from this field, submissions will be accepted from students in other programs of study. Academic performance is the principle criterion for selection. First preference will be given to candidates nominated by the B.C. Division of the Canadian Paraplegic Association. Applications should be submitted by August 15th to: the Canadian Paraplegic Association, 780 S. Marine Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6P 5Y7.

Using the Information Superhighway

In the information age the use of the Internet is a vital resource. This is true with all types of information, including assistance with obtaining funding for post-secondary education. Here are a few uniquely Canadian sites, and one American site, that are valuable for those seeking a solution to worries about money while going to school. Of course, there are other great sites that you can search for on your own.

www.canlearn.ca CanLearn Interactive is supported by Human Resources Development Canada and is intended "to provide an Internet-based one-stop resource for learning information, products and services that support decision-making by individual Canadians in pursuit of their learning and career goals."

This is a site that allows the search for funding to be uniquely tailored to one's specific needs. It involves a six-step registration process, which can seem tedious but there is a purpose. The web site is built around a scholarship database and it matches scholarships to the particular need of the person based on information provided in the personalized registration process. In addition to the scholarships, there is an accessibility guide of particular interest to people with disabilities and other general information designed to make planning for the future easier.

www.studentawards.com This is similar to the Canlearn site. The site offers opportunities to get help in making applications for academic scholarships.

www.scholarshipscanada.ca This is a new site that is just beginning to build a knowledge base. It is still worth checking out.

www.schoolfinder.com This is primarily designed for those earlier in the education process but it may also be useful to students pursuing college or university study.

www.heath-resource-center.org The HEATH Resource Center of the American Council on Education is the national clearinghouse on post-secondary education for individuals with disabilities. Support from the U.S. Department of Education enables HEATH to serve as an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools and other post-secondary training entities.

HEATH has a number of excellent publications available including: "The 1999 Financial Aid Guide For Students With Disabilities." The first copy ordered is available free of charge. HEATH promotes the publication as: "...(a) resource paper that guides the student through a maze of funding options available to help pay for post-secondary study. In addition to providing an overview of federal and state based financial aid sources, the paper includes a listing of private, disability related scholarships as well as detailed references of resources in print on the internet."

Scholarship and Award Programs Available at Individual Institutions

The institutions listed below may not have reported special programs directed at students with disabilities. Many refer students to government funding programs. In addition, these institutions acknowledge that students with disabilities are eligible for general programs aimed at assisting all students.

Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Contact: Pam D'Entrement
Financial Aid Counsellor
Counselling Centre,
Acadia University
Wolfville, Nova Scotia
B0P 1L0

Email: pam.dentrement@acadiau.ca
Tel: 902-585-1574
Web site: www.acadiau.ca

Contact: James Sanford
Manager
Campus Programs
Acadia University
Wolfville, Nova Scotia
B0P 1L0

Tel: 902-585-1460
Email: james.sanford@acadiau.ca

Alberta, University of, Edmonton, Alberta

Contact: Marion Vosahlo
Disability Services
University of Alberta
2-800 Students' Union
Building,
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T6G 2M7

Email: marion.vosahlo@ualberta.ca
Tel: 780-492-3381
TTY: 780-492-7269
Fax: 780-492-6701

Contact: Office of Student Awards,
Room 103,
Administration Building,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T6G 2M7

Tel: 780-492-3221
Fax: 780-492-4851
Email: awards.mail@ualberta.ca
Web site: www.ualberta.ca

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Gordon McInroy Award

This annual award is given to a student with a disability with satisfactory academic standing who demonstrates characteristics of sportsmanship by commendable behaviour in the form of assisting others on campus and in the larger community. Selection is based on financial need.
Value: $500

Alberta Association of the Deaf/ Michael Rodda Award/Scholarship

This award is to be given to a student who is deaf, entering or continuing in a program of study at the University of Alberta. The award is to be given on the basis on academic excellence, financial need and a demonstrated commitment to involvement within the deaf community. Applicants must use sign language interpretation. In addition, the applicant must have a minimum of a 55db hearing loss. Preference is to be given to Canadian citizens or landed immigrants who are residents of the Province of Alberta.
Value: $1000

Robert Tegler Special Awards

This award is to be given to a disabled student entering or continuing in a program of study at the University of Alberta. The award is to be given on the basis of academic excellence and financial need. Individual consideration will be made for applications on the basis of the applicant's disability. Medical documentation must be provided.
Value: $2000 (3)

Hilda Wilson Memorial Scholarship

This annual award is given to a student at the university with a disability on the basis of academic excellence.
Value: $150

Dr. Henry R. Ziel Award

This award is to be given to a student entering or continuing in a program of study at the University of Alberta. The award is to be given on the basis of academic excellence and financial need. To be eligible applicants must use a wheelchair on a permanent basis.
Value: $1000

All University of Alberta Awards specifically designated for students with disabilities require a nomination by the Services for Students with Disabilities Office as part of the application process.

Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario

Contact: Vicki McBurney
Centre for Students with Disabilities,
Algonquin College
1385 Woodroofe Ave.
Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8

Email: mcburnv@algonquinc.ca
Tel: 613-727-4723 ext. 5353
Fax: 613-727-7661
TTY: 613-727-7747

Contact: Margot Gunn, Manager
Financial Aid Office
C226, Algonquin College
1385 Woodroofe Ave.
Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8

Tel: 613-727-4723 ext. 7678
Web site: www.algonquinc.on.ca

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City of Ottawa Scholarship for Disabled Persons

This is an annual award for a student with a disability who is entering or enrolled in a full-time program of study. The award may be continued for up to four years, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic standing.

Contact: Director of Student Awards,
Carleton University,
1231 Colonel By Drive,
Ottawa ON K1S 5B6

Bow Valley College, Calgary, Alberta

Contact: Denise Theunissen
Instructor,
Learning Difficulties and Disability,
Learner Support Services
Bow Valley College,
332 6th Avenue SE,
Calgary Alberta T2G 4S6
Email: dtheunissen@bowvalleyc.ab.ca
Tel: 403-297-4084
Web site: www.bowvalleyc.ab.ca

Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba

Contact: Darcy Bower
Dean of Students/Registrar
AE McKenzie Building
Brandon University
Brandon, Manitoba
R7A 6A9
Email: bower@brandonu.ca
Tel: 204-725-2143
Web site: www.brandonu.ca

British Columbia, University of, Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact: Janet Mee,
Disability Resource Centre
Room 1040,
1874 East Mall, UBC
Vancouver, BC. V6T 1Z1
Canada

Email: mee@student-services.ubc.ca
Tel: 604-822-5844
Fax : 604-822-9049
TTY: 604-822-2226

Contact: Carol Gibson,
Awards and Financial Aid

Email: carol.gibson@ubc.ca
Tel: 604-822-6652
Web site: www.ubc.ca

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Burrard Charitable Foundation Bursary For The Visually Impaired

A bursary is available through the Burrard Charitable Foundation. The award is to

be made to a visually impaired student in consultation with the Crane Library.
Value: $500

Harriet Sarah Byrne Scholarship

A scholarship has been made available in memory of Harriet Sarah Byrne. The award is intended to encourage a disabled student or a student demonstrating an interest and ability in addressing the issues of people with disabilities. In making the award, preference will be given to a woman undertaking studies in the health sciences.
Value: $1000

Marion Copp Bursary

A bursary has been established by family and friends of Marion Copp who for many years resided in northern B.C. and the Yukon. The award is made to students from rural areas with preference given to visually impaired and/or physically disabled students. Candidates for the award will be selected from applicants for affiliation awards for visually impaired and/or physically disabled students.
Value: $500

Delta Gamma Bursary For The Blind

A bursary given to the Delta Gamma Fraternity, will be awarded to a blind student requiring financial assistance to enable him or her to enter the university or to proceed to further studies. The award is to be made on the recommendation of the Crane Library Awards Committee.
Value: $250

Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Alpha Province Bursary

A bursary is available through the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (Alpha Province, British Columbia), and the Honour Society of Women Educators. The award is intended to assist visually impaired students and will be made on recommendation of the Head of the Crane Library. Preference will be given to a student from British Columbia.
Value: $950

Robert C. Gibson Memorial Bursary

One or more bursaries have been provided in memory of Robert C. Gibson. The award is to assist disabled students at the University of British Columbia.
Value: $1600 (approximately)

Graduating Class of 1970 Bursary

This bursary established and endowed by the Graduating Class of 1970, will be awarded annually to a student or students in any year and faculty. Special consideration is given to students who have physical disabilities.
Value: $825

Rick Hansen "Man In Motion" Fellowship

Two fellowships, which are equivalent in value to a University Graduate Fellowship, are offered annually to a University of British Columbia student with a physical disability who is enrolled in a full-time graduate program. The award is made in honour of the achievements of Rick Hansen, a graduate of UBC. The winners of this fellowship are selected by the

Faculty of Graduate Studies from among nominations received from the Department of the University.

Rick Hansen Special Needs Bursary

One or more bursaries, are offered in Rick Hansen's name. The awards are available to students who have a physical disability. Funds for the Rick Hansen Special Needs Bursary were raised at a celebrity auction and concert held in March of 1987. Matching funds came from the UBC Alma Mater Society.
Value: $2200

Steve House Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Steve House a UBC Commerce student who died in the fall of 1981 while attempting to complete the requirement of the chartered accountants course. The award is presented to a student in the Faculty of Commerce, with preference given to a disabled student. Faculty recommendation determines the recipient of the award.
Value: $650

Douglas T. Kenny Bursary For Disabled Students

One or more bursaries are awarded annually to disabled students to provide financial aid. The funds are intended for students with physical disabilities who require wheelchairs or other assistive aids to carry out their studies at the university.
Value: $1100

Patricia Ann Macdonald Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship may be awarded either in total or in part to a blind or physically disabled student attending the University of British Columbia. The recipient must be in a program leading to a degree, with a high grade average and definite goals. The scholarship is in memory of Patricia Ann Palmer MacDonald, who studied at UBC and was an accomplished musician, singer, performer and teacher. Applications must be made by November 1st in writing to the Head of the Crane Library. The Head of the Crane Library makes a recommendation and grants the award.
Value: $2400

Isabel G. McMillan Bursary

A bursary is available from a fund established by Isabel G. McMillan who was a member of the first graduating class at the University of British Columbia. It is available on an annual basis to one or more students who have visual impairments and are students at the University of British Columbia.
Value: $1400

Cheryl McKay Bursary For the Visually Impaired

Bursaries are available from a fund set up by Cheryl McKay. Funding is set aside to assist visually impaired students.
Value: $1800

P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter B. Bursary For The Blind

A bursary is available from the Sisterhood

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to a blind woman student who is registered at the University of British Columbia and is beginning or continuing her studies towards a degree. Consideration for this award is based on financial need and academic standing. The Crane Library Awards Committee selects the recipients of the bursary.
Value: $500

Vancouver Fire Fighters' Union Local No. 18 Bursary

The Vancouver Fire Fighters' Union Local No. 18 provides a bursary to a student who is beginning or continuing studies at the University of British Columbia. The award is to be given to a physically disabled student who needs financial assistance.
Value: $650

University Women's Club of Vancouver Bursaries For Blind and Minimally Sighted Students

A bursary is available from the University Women's Club of Vancouver to a student with a visual impairment. The award is given on the recommendation of the Librarian and Head of the Crane Library. Financial need and academic standing of the candidate are considered.
Value: $800

Steven Volrich Memorial Bursary

In memory of classmate Steven Volrich, the members of the Law Class of 1984 established a bursary to be awarded to a student of the Law program with a medical or physical disability.
Value: $150

Leslie Anne Whitcutt Memorial Fund

This award will be made on the recommendation of the Head of the Crane Library to a blind student. The funding will be used to provide assistance to such students who require special equipment related to their studies.
Value: $700

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

Contact: Paul Menton Centre
Carleton University
Room 500, Unicentre Building
Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Web site: www.carleton.ca/pmc
Tel: 613-520-6608
TTY: 613-520-3937
Fax: 613-520-3995

Contact: Carol Fleck
Director of Student Awards
Carleton University
Awards Office
Room 202,
Administration Building
Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Tel: 613-520-3601
Web site: www.carleton.ca

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The Dr. John Davis Burton Award

Awarded annually, when merited, on the recommendation of the Assistant Director (Special Needs), Counselling and Student Life Services at Carleton University, assisted by a Selection Committee, to a student in good standing attending ei-

ther Carleton University, University of Ottawa, La Cité Collègiale, or Algonquin College, who has made a significant contribution toward awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities within his/her educational community. Established by students, family and friends in memory of Dr. John Davis Burton who was a champion and advocate for persons with disabilities throughout his career as an educator. This award was endowed in 1992.

The recipient of the award is chosen by a Selection Committee, which consists of administrative representatives from each of the area's post-secondary institutions. The Committee also includes a student member from each participating school, with preference given to representatives from student government "whose portfolio contains disability issues." The value for this award varies. The application deadline is March 31st each year.

The applicant may be a full or part-time student, or a special student (in good standing); attending one of the four participating schools; and be able to demonstrate a commitment to issues affecting students with disabilities. When presenting the Dr. John Davis Burton Award, preference is first given to a student with a learning disability, second to a student with another disability, third to any student in good standing with the necessary qualifications.

Disabled Student Bursary Fund

This bursary was endowed in 1988 in memory of Joy MacLaren. It is available to any student with a disability who demonstrates financial need. The value of the Disabled Student Bursary Fund varies.

The University also offers the Harold Lithwick Memorial Scholarship. One scholarship is awarded each year. In order to be eligible, applicants must have completed three credits towards a degree. The application deadline is April 30th.
Value: $300 (3)

City of Ottawa Scholarship For Disabled Persons

One scholarship is available from the City of Ottawa to students with disabilities studying in the three post-secondary institutions in Ottawa. Applicants must be disabled according to the United Nations definition of disability (1975). Documented proof of disability from a medical doctor is required with the application form. The deadline for application is June 1st.
Value: $1000

Calgary, University of, Calgary, Alberta

Contact: Karen Armstrong
Student Awards and
Financial Aid,
University of Calgary,
Room 124,
MacKimmie Library Block
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4

Email: karmstrong@ucalgary.ca
Tel: 403-220-7872
Web site: www.ucalgary.ca

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The Ray Alward Memorial Bursary

Awarded annually to a student in any year and any faculty at the University of Calgary with a satisfactory average and financial need. Preference will be given to a student with a hearing impairment as long as documented proof (i.e. doctor's statement) is attached to the application form. In the event that there are no suitable candidates with a hearing disability, consideration will be given to students with other disabilities as long as proof of such is included with the application form. Apply to the Student Awards and Financial Aid office by June 15.
Value: $500

Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals/Dennis Magrega Scholarship

Offered annually to a continuing student with a disability who has completed at least one year of studies in the Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation Studies program at the University of Calgary. The award will be based on academic standing and to be eligible students need not be registered full time. Community of Learners (COL) students are also eligible for this award.
Apply to: Student Awards and Financial Aid office by June 15.
Value: $500

Louis Lebel Bursary

Offered annually to a student entering second, third or fourth year in any faculty at the University of Calgary, the award will be based on academic merit and financial need and preference will be given to a student with a disability. To be eligible for this award the applicant need only be registered in a minimum of 2 full courses per academic year, providing evidence of a disability tending to impede his or her performance as a student is attached. In the absence of such documentation regular guidelines for undergraduate awards will apply.
Value: $500

Diane D. Pechiulis Award

Offered to physically disabled students entering second, third or fourth year in an undergraduate program in any faculty at the University of Calgary. The awards will be based on financial need and academic merit. Applicants must provide proof of disability (i.e. doctor's statement), and while they must be registered full time they need not carry a full-course load.

Apply to: Student Awards and Financial Aid office by June 15.

The George Reed Foundation Scholarship

Offered annually to a student entering second, third or fourth year in any faculty at the University of Calgary. The award will be based on academic merit with preference given to a student who has indicated an interest in working with people with disabilities. Applicants with disabilities must provide proof of disability (i.e. doctor's statement), and while they must be registered full time they need not carry a full-course load. In the

event there are no suitable applicants, regular guidelines for undergraduate awards will apply.

Apply to: Student Awards and Financial Aid office by June 15.

Value: $2300

Centennial College, Toronto, Ontario

Contact: Scherry George
Financial Aid
Centennial College
P.O. Box 631, Stn A
Scarborough, Ontario
M1K 5E9

Tel: 416-289-5000 ext. 2231
Web site: www.cencol.on.ca/admiss/sservice.htm
www.cencol.on.ca/csd

Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

Contact: Financial Aid Awards Office
Concordia University,
1400 Blvd. de Maisonneuve West
Room LB-085
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8

Tel: 514-848-3507
Fax: 514-848-3508

Contact: Léo Bissonnette
Services for Disabled Students,
Concordia University H580,
1455 Blvd. de Maisonneuve West
Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8

Email: bissonn@vax2.concordia.ca
Tel: 514-848-3518
Web site: www.financialaid.concordia.ca

College of New Caledonia, Prince George, British Columbia

Contact: Kay Zackowski
Financial Aid Office
College of the New Caledonia
3330-22nd Avenue,
Prince George, BC V2N1P8

Email: zackowski@cnc.bc.ca
Tel: 604-561-2131

Contact: Fran Miller
Disability Support Services
College of the New Caledonia
3330-22nd Avenue,
Prince George, BC V2N1P8

Email: millerf@cnc.bc.ca
Tel: 604-561-2131

College of the North Atlantic, St. John's, Newfoundland

Contact: Neil Moores
Student Affairs and Employment
College of the North Atlantic
Box 1693
Prince Philip Drive
St. John's, Newfoundland
A1C 5P7

Email: nmoores@northatlantic.nf.ca
Tel: 709-758-7348
Web site: www.northatlantic.nf.ca

College of the Rockies, Cranbrook, BC

Contact: Heather Mitchell
Disability Services
College of the Rockies,
Cranbrook, BC V1C 5L7
Email: mitchell@cotr.bc.ca
Tel: 250-489-2751 ext. 318
Contact: Elke Airone
Special Needs Coordinator
Services to Students With Disabilities
College of the Rockies
Box 8500
Cranbrook, British Columbia
V1C 5L7
Email: airone@cotr.bc.ca
Tel: 250-489-2751

Dawson College, Westmount, Quebec

Contact: Diana Dupelycz
Financial Aid Office
Room 2E 19
Dawson College
3040 Sherbrooke Street
Montreal, Quebec H3Z 1A4

Email: ddupelycz@dawsoncollege.qc.ca
Tel: 514-931-8731, ext.1186

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J.M. Award

The J.M. Award is intended to assist students with disabilities studying in the field of science.

Durham College, Oshawa, Ontario

Contact: Bonnie Pickard
Financial Aid Office B205
Durham College
2000 Simcoe St. North,
P.O.Box 385,
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7L7

Email: pickard@notesmail.durhamc.on.ca
Tel: 905-721-3111 ext 2456

Fairview College, Fairview, Alberta

Contact: Sandy McKenna
Counsellor
Fairview College
Box 3000
Fairview, Alberta
T0H 1L0

Tel: 780-835-6655

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Fairview and District Association For The Disabled Award

There are two awards offered through the Fairview and District Association For the Handicapped. One award is given to the student "who has shown the most positive attitude towards all aspects of the program, including work experience, course work and fellow students." No application is necessary. Selection for the award is made by the Transitional Vocational Program and it is presented on Awards night. The Fairview and District Association, is offered to a student with a disability who has graduated from the

Transitional Vocational Program and has shown the most improvement in both course work and work experience. The same selection criteria apply.
Value: Variable (1)

Ken Smith Memorial Award

This award is awarded to a disabled student who has graduated from the Transitional Vocational Program, and "who best exhibits extra-curricular involvement in student activities and student leadership" in the program. The same selection criteria apply as with the previous award.
Value: $200

Grant MacEwen College, Edmonton, Alberta,

Contact: Abigail Parrish Craig
Services to Students with Disabilities
7-119 E, 10700-104 Avenue
Grant MacEwen Community College
10700-104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4S2
Email: parrishcraiga@admin.gmcc.ab.ca
Tel: 780-497-5811
TTY: 780-497-5225

Contact: Danielle Wycott
7-119 G, 10700-104 Avenue
Grant MacEwen Community College
10700-104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4S2
Email: wycottd@admin.gmcc.ab.ca
Tel: 780-497-5033
Web site: www.gmcc.ab.ca

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CN Bursary

Awarded to students with disabilities in Business related programs.
Value: $500 (2)

Carla Tabler Memorial-Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Centre Society (SCITICS) Award

This award is open to students with spinal cord injury. The Applicant must demonstrate volunteerism involving persons with disabilities.
Value: $300

NAACF- Dr. G.R.A. Rice Bursary

This is an entrance award for students with disabilities in Northern Alberta. The award is open to disabled students entering their first year of study. The number of awards varies from year to year.
Value: up to $5000

Humber College, Toronto, Ontario

Contact: Craig Barrett
Counselling and Disability Issues
Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology
205 Humber College Blvd.
Rexdale, Ontario M9W 5L7
Tel: 416-675-6622, ext. 4060
E-mail: Barrett@humberc.on.ca

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Contact: Holsee Sahid
Financial Aid Office
H107
Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology
205 Humber College Blvd.
Rexdale, Ontario
M9W 5L7

Web site: www.humberc.on.ca

Kwantlen University College, Surrey, British Columbia

Contact: Susanne Dadson,
Coordinator of Services For Students With Disabilities
Kwantlen University College
Box 9030
12666-72nd Avenue
Surrey, British Columbia,
V3T 5H8
Email: susanne@kwantlen.bc.ca
Tel: 604-599-2003
Web site: www.kwantlen.bc.ca/~ssd/services.htm

Lakeland College, Vermilllion, Alberta

Contact: Geretta Partington
Financial Aid and Awards
5707-47 Avenue West,
Vermillion, Alberta T9X 1K5
Email: geretta.partington@lakelandc.ab.ca
Tel: 780-853-8418
Web site: www.lakelandc.ab.ca

Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario

Contact: Earl Black
Special Needs,
Laurentian University
Ramsey Lake Road,
Sudbury Ontario
P3E 2C6
Email: eblack@nickel.laurentian.ca
Tel: 705-675-1151 ext. 3324
Fax: 705-675-4807

Manitoba, The University of, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Contact: Susan Ness
Disability Services
University of Manitoba
155 University Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2
Tel: 204-474-6213
Email: sness@umanitoba.ca

Contact: Financial Aid and Awards
422 University Centre
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2
Tel: 204-474-9531
Fax: 204-474-7554
Email: awards@umanitoba.ca

Marianopolis College, Montreal, Quebec

Contact: Lina Rubertucci
Financial Aid Office
Marianopolis College
3880 rue Côte Des Neiges
Montreal, Quebec H3H 1W1
Email: lrubertucci@mail2.marianopolis.edu
Tel: 514-931-8792 ext. 259
Web site: www.marianopolis.edu

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

Contact: Admissions, Recruitment and
Registar's Office
McGill University
847 Sherbrooke St.
Montreal Quebec
H3A 3N6

Email: scholar@aro.lan.mcgill.ca
Tel: 514-398-4807 (Scholarships)
514-398-6013
(Financial Aid)
Web site: www.mcgill.ca

Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland

Contact: Ruth North
Student Affairs Officer
Memorial University of
Newfoundland,
The Glenn Roy Blundon Centre
Thomson Student Centre
Memorial University of
Newfoundland
Elizabeth Avenue
St. John's, Newfoundland,
A1C 5S7

Email: rwalsh@morgan.ucs.mun.ca
Tel: 709-737-2156 (Voice and TTY)
Web site: www.mun.ca/students/
disabilities

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The Glenn Roy Blundon Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of the late Glenn Roy Blundon, a former student at Memorial University with a severe physical disability who succeeded in his studies and made a significant contribution to student life at the university. In awarding this funding, preference will be given to a student with a disability who is academically qualified; secondarily the award will be granted to any student enrolled in the Special Education Programme if a candidate with a disability does not apply. The Senate Committee on Scholarships reviews all applications and makes a decision regarding the recipients.
Value: $500

The Key Tag Scholarships

The Newfoundland Branch of the War Amputees of Canada donates up to three scholarships, each year as the Key Tag Scholarships. The Senate Committee on Scholarships at Memorial presents these scholarships to amputee students in any year or any field of study. Other students with physical disabilities are considered in the event that no amputee students apply in a given year. Financial need, initiative and scholarship achievement are considered.
Value: $500

James Walsh Memorial Bursary

This bursary is open to students with disabilities studying in a Business program
Value: $500

Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick

Contact: Jane Drover
The Meighen Centre for Learning Assistance and Research,
Mount Allison University
144 Main Street
Sackville, New Brunswick
E4L 1A7
Email: jdrover@mta.ca

Contact: Michelle Mackinnon
Financial Aid Officer,
Student Services,
University Centre,
Mount Allison University,
152A Main St.,
Sackville, New Brunswick,
E4L 1A7

Tel: 506-364-2255
506-364-2258

Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta

Contact: Shan Robertson
Students With Physical Disabilities
Mount Royal College
4825 Richard Road S.,
Calgary, Alberta T3E 6K6
Email: srobertson@mtroyal.ab.ca
Tel: 403-240-6452

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Mount Royal College Learning Assistance Award

This award is for a full-time student at Mount Royal College who has a diagnosed learning disability and has taken at least 12 credits at the college. Academic proficiency is the main criterion of consideration for the award.
Value: Variable

Hans Peder Madsen Scholarship

This scholarship is available to full-time students enrolled at Mount Royal College who have a physical disability. The value is variable from year to year and the criteria are financial need and academic proficiency.
Value: Variable

New Brunswick, University of, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Contact: Richard Pappenhausen
Student Services
University of New Brunswick
Box 5050
Saint John, New Brunswick
E2L 4L5

Email: rwp@unbsj.ca
Tel: 506-648-5501

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Mary MacDougal Award

Awarded to a student who has a physical disability on the Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick on the basis of scholastic attainment and financial need. Preference for this award will

be given to students in Education. The deadline for application is April 15th.

For more information:
Undergraduate Awards -
Registrar's Office,
University of New Brunswick,
P.O. Box 4400,
Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3
Tel: 506-453-4894
Fax: 506-453-5016
Value: Variable

Scoudouc's River Award

This award is open to individuals who have disabilities or to those not qualified for other regularly established scholarships. Nominees must be enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate programs at the University of New Brunswick. The deadline for application is April 15th.

For more information:
Undergraduate Awards-
Registrar's Office,
University of New Brunswick,
P.O. Box 4400,
Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3
Tel: 506-453-4894
Fax: 506-453-5016
Value: Variable

Northern British Columbia, University of, Prince George, British Columbia

Contact: Maureen Hewlett
Learning Skills Center,
Room 7- 148,
University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way,
Prince George,
British Columbia V2N 4Z9

Tel: 250-960-6355
Fax: 250-960-6330
Web site: www.quarles.unbc.ca/lscld.html

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Curt Merritt Bursary

To be given to a student with a disability who experiences difficulty reading and writing as a result of his or her disability. Preference will be given to residents of Northern BC.
Value: Variable

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Contact: Ann Read
Financial Aid and Student Counselling
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
5163 Duke Street,
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3J6

Email: ann@ncsad.ns.ca
Tel: 902-494-8130

Okanagan University College, Penticton, British Columbia

Contact: Shirley Wild
Access Coordinator
Okanagan University College
583 Duncan Avenue West
Penticton, British Columbia
V2A 8E1
Email: swild@okanagan.bc.ca
Tel: 250-492-4305 ext. 3242

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The Michael Doyle Memorial Bursary

This award is given to one student with a disability each year. Applicants must be attending Okanagan University College for the first time, in any program of study. The recipient will be a permanent resident of British Columbia for six months prior to the application for this award.
Value: $300

Open Learning Agency, Burnaby, British Columbia

Contact: Lorraine Bingert
Financial Aid and
Awards Office
Open Learning Agency
4355 Mathissi Place
Burnaby, BC V5G 4S8
Email: studentsev@ola.bc.ca
Tel: 604-431-3300
800-663-9711
Web site: www.ola.bc.ca/ou

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Contact: Barbara Roberts
Disability Services Advisor
Special Needs Office
Queen's University at Kingston
Rm. 262
St. Laurence Building
72 Queen's Crescent
Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6
Email: robertb@post.queensu.ca
Tel: 613-533-6467
613-533-6566 (TTY)
Web site: www.queensu.ca

Red River Community College, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Contact: Josie Karpa
Educational Support Centre
Red River Community College
D 104 2055 Notre Dame Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3H 0J9

Email: jkarpa@post.rrc.mb.ca
Tel: 204-632-2132
204-632-2381
Web site: www.rrc.mb.ca

Selkirk College, Castlegar, British Columbia

Contact: Fran Metge
Special Services
Selkirk College,
Castlegar, British Columbia
V1N 3J1
Email: metge@selkirk.bc.ca
Tel: 250-365-7292

St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Contact: David Leitch
Atlantic Centre of Support For Disabled Students,
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 3C3
Email: david.leitch@stmarys.ca
Tel: 902-420-5449
Web site: www.stmarys.ca

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Saint Mary's Staff Union Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to aid students requiring financial assistance. Students in any discipline are eligible for the Saint Mary's University Staff Union Scholarship if they meet the following criteria. The student must be a full-time undergraduate student of Saint Mary's University, and hold a 3.0 GPA average or better.

The following special conditions apply. Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

- A son or daughter of a member of Saint Mary's University Staff Union.
- A part-time student who is also a full-time Saint Mary's University Staff Union Member attending Saint Mary's University.
- A student with a disability attending Saint Mary's University.
- An International Student.

For more information:

Saint Mary's University Staff Union,
Saint Mary's University,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
B3H 3C3
Tel: 902-420-5452
Fax: 902-420-5561

Other awards available at St. Mary's include the following:

Charlottetown Lions Club-P.E.I. Entrance Award

Value: $200

'88 Campaign Award for Disabled Students

Value: $500

Dr. John Campbell Scholarship

Value: $2500

VII Pan American Wheelchair Games Bursary

Value: $275

Scott Maritime Scholarship for Disabled Students

Value: $1,000

Laurie Smith Memorial Scholarship

Value: $3000

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Technical University of British Columbia, Surrey British Columbia

Contact: Tim Rahilly
Education and Information
Centre, Technical University
1063 Surrey Place Mall
Surrey British Columbia
V3T 2W1
Email: rahilly@tu.bc.ca
Tel: 604-586-6000
Fax: 604-586-6003
Web site: www.tu.bc.ca

University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, British Columbia

Contact: Barbara Salingre
Disability Resource Centre
University College of the
Fraser Valley
33844 King Road, R.R. #2
Abbotsford, British Columbia
V2S 7M9
Email: salingreb@ucfv.bc.ca
Tel: 604-853-7441 ext. 4264

Victoria, University of, Victoria, British Columbia

Contact: Pierre Laliberté
Resource Centre for Students
With Disabilities
University of Victoria
Rm. 150
Campus Service Building
P.O. Box 3025
Victoria, British Columbia
V8W 3P1

Email: plaliber@uvic.ca
Tel: 250-472-4101
Web site: www.uvic.ca

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The Lisa Huus Memorial Fund

This bursary is presented annually to a student with a "severe disability" to begin or complete university study at the University of Victoria. In order to be eligible to apply, students must have two or more organ systems affected by their disability; for example, the nervous system or the muscular system. Under special circumstances students who have other kinds of disabilities may be considered. Applications must be submitted no later than May 31 each year to: Financial Aid Office, University of Victoria or the G.R. Pearkes Centre For Children, 3970 Haro Road, Victoria, British Columbia, V8N 4A9.
Value: $1500

The Bevan Bursary

Students who have disabilities related to blindness, deafness, arthritis, or any other

physical disability, and are planning to begin or complete studies at the University of Victoria, are eligible for two bursaries. If no applications are received from disabled students, any student with demonstrated financial need can apply. The Senate Committee on Awards at the University of Victoria selects the recipients based upon recommendations from the Student Financial Aid Services Office.
Value: $800

The L.G. Butler Scholarship For The Disabled

One disabled student attending the University of Victoria is eligible for an award based on academic performance. The recipient may be entering or completing a program at the university. The Senate Committee on Awards is responsible for selecting students for the award, from applications that are submitted by April 15th each year.
Value: $1600

Waterloo, University of, Waterloo, Ontario

Contact: Rose Padacz
Office for Persons with Disabilities
University of Waterloo
Rm. 2051 Needles Hall
Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

Email: rmpadacz@nh3adm.uwaterloo.ca
Tel: 519-885-1211 ext. 5231
Web site: www.uwaterloo.ca

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The Suncor Inc. Bursary

This bursary is offered to several disabled students each year.
Value: Variable

The Special Achievement Bursary

This bursary is offered to one disabled student. In order to be eligible, applicants must indicate financial need and have a good academic standing, with a minimum B average. Applicants are not required to present documented proof of their disability. Requests for information and application forms for these bursaries may be sent to the disabled student services office. However, it is a better idea to contact the Student Awards Office on campus, which is located in Needles Hall. The application deadlines are: September 30th (Fall Term), January 30th (Winter Term), and May 30th (Spring Term).
Value: $250

Windsor, University of, Windsor, Ontario

Contact: Margaret Crawford
Special Needs Office
University of Windsor
Dillon Hall
401 Sunset Avenue
Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4

Email: crawfm@uwindsor.ca
Tel: 519-253-4232, ext. 3298
Web site: www.uwindsor.ca

York University, Toronto, Ontario

Contact: Karen Swartz
Office For Students With Disabilities
York University
4700 Keele Street
109 Central Square
North York, Ontario M3J 1P3

Tel: 416-736-5140
TTY: 416-736-5263

Contact: Student Financial Services
West Office Building
York University
4700 Keele St
Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3

Tel: 416-872-YORK
Fax: 416-736-5386
Web site: www.yorku.ca

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David Conrad Bursary Fund

David J. Conrad began his studies in Political Science at York University in 1987. In addition to his academic pursuits, David was active in every aspect of student life. This included his participation in the student government and involvement with a variety of on-campus student clubs. He was a respected student leader and he inspired all of those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Unfortunately, in April 1992, David passed away as a result of his life-long battle with muscular dystrophy. This award was established to honour his memory. Applicants must have financial need and have demonstrated an extracurricular commitment to improving the life of students with disabilities at York. Applications are available from the Office for Persons with Disabilities.

The Office for Persons with Disabilities Bursary/Loan Fund

The Office for Persons with Disabilities has established a bursary/loan fund, which will be used for emergency financial assistance to disabled students at York University. Application forms are available at the Office for Persons with Disabilities.

Edith A. Horsley Bursary

The award honours Mrs. Edith A. Dugelby (née Horsley), mother of J. Bruce Dugelby, who has worked at York since 1965. Mrs. Dugelby was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England in 1904. She became a trained singer and ballerina before being married, but unfortunately the opportunities to further her career were not available. In later life she has experienced chronic disabilities. These disabilities have severely restricted her lifestyle but she has, through her son, kept informed on the progress of the University. She has particular admiration for those who, although restricted by disabilities, strive to complete their education and consequently improve their lifestyle. It is Mrs. Dugelby's wish that a student(s) who has a chronic physical disability and also requires financial aid should receive a contribution towards their education while at York.

Learning Disabilities Association of North York Bursary

This bursary was donated by the Learning Disabilities Association of North York to help learning disabled students in financial need.

Vera Morris Bursary

Although she had to cope with arthritis from her earliest youth, the last thing anyone might have called Vera Morris was "handicapped". Throughout her life she was active and interested in everything and everyone around her. Born in 1911 in Winnipeg, Vera led an exceptionally full and active life. She was a nursery school teacher, mother, freelance writer, a politically active crusader and fervent nationalist. At 60, she began a new career as a travel agent and took advantage of her position to pursue her love for travel, taking trips to the Caribbean, Europe and Asia, including Hong Kong on two canes. This bursary is available to York students with physical disabilities.

The information contained in this section does not include all post-secondary institutions. The schools listed are those that responded to a project questionnaire that was distributed in the summer and fall of 1999. We also updated information compiled for a 1993 directory.

Endnotes

1 This information has been obtained from the CSLP web site: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student_loans/ It is supplemented with information from a presentation by CSLP official Lee Windsor to the NEADS Conference in November of 1998. A full report on this presentation can be found on the NEADS Web Site, at http://www.neads.ca/

2 This information has been obtained from the CSLP web site: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student_loans/. It has been supplemented with information found on the web site of the Newfoundland Provincial Department of Education, which can be found on line at http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/

3 This information was obtained through private correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved with the implementation of EAPD agreements across Canada. Along with this the HRDC web site has a good deal of back ground information on EAPD which can be found on line at http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/dept/disab/0619b.shtml

4 This information was obtained from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation's web site, which may be found on line at http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca/

5 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Newfoundland Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/. This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Newfoundland.

6 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Prince Edward Island Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.gov.pe.ca/hss/cfacs-info/index.php3

This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Prince Edward Island.

7 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Nova Scotia Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.ednet.ns.ca/ This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Nova Scotia.

8 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the New Brunswick Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, which may be found on line at http://inter.gov.nb.ca/pcsdp/ This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in New Brunswick.

9 Information in this section was referenced from a brochure published by the government of Quebec, entitled *The Loans and Bursaries Program: Student Financial Assistance 1999-2000 Québec.* This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials, as well as disabled student service providers involved in the delivery of the Student Loans Program in Quebec.

10 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Ontario Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://osap.gov.on.ca This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Ontario

11 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Manitoba Departments of Education and Family Services, which may be found, respectively, on line at http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/tce/ index.html and http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/programs/clv/fs0clv05.html This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Manitoba.

12 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Saskatchewan Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Saskatchewan.

13 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Alberta Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/learning/finance.html This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in Alberta.

14 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education Training and Technology, which may be found on line at http://www.aett.gov.bc.ca Other information comes from the web site of the Adult Services Program – British Columbia, which can be found on

line at http://www.aspbc.org This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and provincial government officials involved in the delivery of both the EAPD and the Student Loans Program in British Columbia.

15 Information in this section was gathered from the web site of the Yukon Department of Education, which may be found on line at http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/sites/sfa This information was supplemented and clarified through correspondence with federal and territorial government officials involved in the delivery of the Student Loans Program in the Yukon.

16 Information in the section Regional Scholarships and Grants (Atlantic Canada) was compiled with reference to *Awards, Bursaries, Scholarships and Programs Available to Persons with Disabilities* (February 1999), New Brunswick Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons. The Council can be reached at Email: pcsdp@gov.nb.ca or web site: www.gov.nb.ca/pscdp

17 Information on the Donald Curren Scholarship was referenced from the Government of Canada web site: www.canlearn.ca